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BY ALICIA MUNNELL

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NOW IT'S EVERYONE'S BURDEN TO GET IT RIGHT OR DIE TRYING

# Quitting time

When I was growing up among men who earned hard livings doing things one does mainly for the money, I learned to imagine retirement as they did, a place where you read the newspaper all the way through in one sitting, napped in the afternoon, played cards in the evening, ate stewed prunes, and spent February in Florida. It did not seem appealing.

Fifty years on, approaching the age at which many of my forebears began to dream of dreaming in the sun in Miami, retirement seems less a dull though familiar neighborhood and more a foreign country, like Bhutan or Palau: a place where I could never be quite at ease with the breakfast offerings, the monsoon season, the radio music, the reliability of the phone system; a place in which my imagination cannot imagine me except as a tourist.

I can afford the luxury of that reverie for several reasons. One is that I work in an industry that, by the will of Congress, is unable to compel the retirement of its employees until we drift into senescence or decrepitude and are caught at it. A second is that unlike the men from whom I learned the meaning of retirement, I don't walk a beat for a living (an uncle), weigh up chicken parts (my father), balance a large and malevolent corporation's books (another uncle), or drive from strip mall to strip mall through seven states with a sample case and a new dirty joke for the buyers (yet another uncle). Rather, I sit by a sunny window and drink coffee and imagine things I would like to do or say or write or think about a bit more. And sometimes I look up and discover that I have spent an hour reading for pleasure, and it happens that this was my work. And I feel, even after all these years, surprised and guilty of something.

Whether I'll be able to keep this up until I've crossed the bar to the light is the question whose answer will determine whether I eventually enter Bhutanese exile. Instruction for achieving a good old-age is a species of wisdom literature that seems to have begun with Cicero's essay, *De Senectute*, and hasn't changed much since. One is advised to work at something that engages, walk briskly, eat slowly, remain married, and take the pills and purgatives advocated by the local medic. "We must stand up against old age and make up for its drawbacks by taking pains. We must fight it as we fight an illness," Cicero writes.

But fighters fall. Edges dull. A man goes in for a minor procedure and doesn't come out. To every inspiring reference the literature makes to Titian splashing away at canvases in his nineties, or Goethe wrapping up *Faust* at 82, or Marianne Moore taking up Hebrew in her eighties (prepar-

ing herself to greet God "in His native tongue," she said), or Jack LaLanne, at 90, pulling a tugboat across San Francisco Bay by a rope in his teeth—to each one of these, any person my age can respond with 10 counter-examples, many of whom worked at something that engaged, et cetera.

So I may yet end up in Bhutan, where the first thing I'll do is look for work. I mean "work" here broadly, as in what you do to be virtuous and happy even after they've taken your window and coffee away. In his final illness, the writer Paul Horgan wrote a poem called "Credo," that was found among his papers after his death. He told himself, "Believe in God. / Worship art. / Love as it is given to you to love. / Foster life. / Cherish children. / Work to the limit. / Submit with courage. / Amen." Horgan was a prolific worker: historian, novelist, essayist, librettist, and twice a Pulitzer Prize winner. But type inches or awards weren't his measure of "work to the limit"; rather, the limit to be achieved was disciplined labor, one of very few good justifications for time, and particularly, as he knew, for time that is running out. Like Cicero's essay, and like every honest statement about old age, Horgan's credo is not about defiance, but defiance made wise and supple by humility.

There are plenty of honest gerontologies around (and shelf loads of dishonest ones). The Psalms are good. So is Montaigne ("I want Death to find me planting my cabbages"), and so, latterly, are such folks as Doris Grumbach, Alfred Kazin, Donald Hall, and May Sarton. My own favorite, though, is *One Hundred Poems From the Chinese*, Kenneth Rexroth's translations of T'ang and Sung Dynasty verse. This slim volume, disguised as an anthology of brief poems, is in fact a gerontological theme park, where the season is always autumn, the sound of the village bells is always fading, the mists are always low on the mountains, and the weary traveler is always becoming aware that he passed along this same lonely road when he was a young man full of hope (since dashed) and vigor (since dispersed). And yet it is poetry of enormous consolation because its responses to quitting time—like "Credo"—are modest, as befit mortal creatures, and true. And so "Quail Sky," by Li Ch'ing Chao (1081–1140), in which the poet gazes at an icy sun, breathes the aromas of wine and "black frost," and concludes, "I refuse to be burdened / By the yellowing heart / Of the chrysanthemum / along the wall." Amen.

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FORMATIVE YEARS  
Re "Close Formation," by  
Robert Orsi (Winter 2004):  
Just this week I was discussing  
with another military retiree  
our formation of eight years  
of elementary school with the  
Sisters of Mercy. We under-  
stand Islamic Fundamentalists  
because we were trained as  
Catholic Fundamentalists.  
The nuns never promised us  
32 virgins, but we were as-  
sured a quick trip to the holy  
place if we died fighting the  
Muslims for defense of the  
Holy Land.

As I look back on it, we  
were formed as recruits for  
the old IRA. Lots of time in  
our formation was taken up  
with the issue of salvation of  
IRA members who starved  
themselves under British de-  
tention. No matter our ethnic  
background, we were brought  
up as Irish nationalists.

It was so bad that when I  
met my wife, Macanese with a  
British accent from English  
schools in the Orient, I took  
an immediate dislike to her. It  
was the accent!

GILBERT WELLS JD '58

*Lisbon, Portugal*

Your recent issue has a photo  
illustrating Robert Orsi's arti-  
cle on the Catholic Church  
and childhood: In the fore-  
ground, four young men and  
one older man, all dressed in  
black clerical cassocks, are  
talking with several children,  
with a group of adults in the  
background. The caption says  
"A visit to the lily pond on  
church grounds, U.S., 1953."

Not quite. From the style  
of cassock the men are clearly  
Jesuits, the setting is a semi-  
nary, and the occasion is al-  
most certainly a visiting day,

thus the children and adults in  
their Sunday best. An older  
California Jesuit is fairly cer-  
tain the garden was at Alma  
College, a Jesuit house of  
studies near Santa Cruz,  
which closed in the late 1960s  
when the theological faculty  
moved to Berkeley.

The photographer is iden-  
tified as Margaret Bourke-  
White. She was one of the  
first female photojournalists, a  
war correspondent, and shot  
the photo that was on the first  
cover of *Life* magazine. In  
1953 she was working on an  
article about the Jesuits for  
*Life*. In fact, she was shoot-  
ing at Shadowbrook, the  
Jesuit novitiate at Lenox,  
Massachusetts, on the day I  
entered the Jesuits, August  
14, 1953.

JOSEPH A. APPELYARD, SJ, '53

*Vice President for University  
Mission and Ministry*

How dare Robert Orsi apply  
the word "erotic" to the  
priestly environment of the  
pre-Vatican II Church! The  
abundant fruits of holiness,  
which prevailed then, cannot  
be denied. This was mostly  
missing from the priestly for-  
mation that followed.

WILLIAM TOBIN '49

*Wallingford, Pennsylvania*

### CUM LAUDE

As the first in my immediate  
family to graduate from col-  
lege, I was proud to receive  
my Boston College diploma.  
But having graduated in the  
new millennium, I assumed  
that my diploma had simply  
been one of hundreds printed  
by a local printer. Reading  
"Print Shop" (Linden Lane,  
Winter 2004) I was astonished  
to learn that my name had

been handwritten by James  
Healy '59. To Mr. Healy, my  
gratitude and heartfelt  
appreciation.

DANA IANNAcone '01

*Beverly, Massachusetts*

### MILITARY POLICY

I read with dismay the article  
"Fair Fight" (Linden Lane,  
Winter 2004), describing how  
a BC professor is leading a  
charge to have the 1996  
Solomon Amendment de-  
clared unconstitutional. If an  
institution takes federal  
money, then it should accept  
the strings attached, which in  
this case means recruiters for  
federal service. If one finds  
these strings objectionable be-  
cause of the military's policy  
on gays, then one should  
stand by principle and not  
take the money.

Additionally, I was struck  
by the arrogance of this pro-  
fessor and his group. Who  
empowered them to make ca-  
reer decisions for other stu-  
dents? What of those students  
who might be interested in a  
military career, or may get in-  
terested after talking to a re-  
cruiter? I had no intention of  
joining the service when I was  
a freshman, until by chance  
I stopped to talk to a Marine  
recruiter who was on campus.

I have served, and continue  
to serve, our country honor-  
ably since my graduation from  
Boston College. While at  
times this has been difficult,  
and what I have seen and  
done has grayed my hair and  
saddened my heart, I do not  
ever regret my decision. I  
emerged from Boston College  
well equipped intellectually  
and spiritually, and have  
worked to do some good in  
this world. The decision to



join the service made so long ago in the sunshine of a spring day has been the defining one of my life. A zealous few should not deny this opportunity to others.

MAJOR SEAN M. SALENE, USMC, '91  
*Wilmington, North Carolina*

To construct a nexus between the Solomon Amendment and the alleged discrimination against gays and lesbians is a stretch. If my business were providing funds to an institution or to another business entity that prevented me from having access to the end product, I'd be the first to reevaluate my investment.

PAUL X. BOUZAN MSSW'62  
*Rancho Santa Fe, California*

*Editor's note: For the record, neither Boston College nor Boston College Law School is party to the FAIR lawsuit. BC complies with federal regulations regarding military recruitment.*

## STEWARDSHIP

Archbishop John Quinn's suggestions for changing how authority is exercised in our Church ("Lessons of the Apostles," Winter 2004) seem to me like rearranging the deck chairs on the *Titanic*. We need to go beyond his prescriptions—toward making church governance fully transparent and accountable by including laypeople in the selection of pastors and bishops. The Church could learn something from the Jesuits who rightly decided that the future growth of their colleges and universities required lay stewardship through a board of trustees.

GENE ROMAN '82  
*New York, New York*

## MISTAKEN IDENTITY

How delightful it was for us in the psychology department to read in your Winter 2004 issue that Professor Ali Banuazizi has been elected president of the Middle East Studies Association. But then how sad that you described him as a professor of political science. Although a contributor to several disciplines (he teaches in both history and psychology), Ali is by training a psychologist and is a member of our department.

PROFESSOR JAMES A. RUSSELL  
*Department of Psychology*

## GATEKEEPER

The first time I met Amby Page I had two black eyes and a broken nose. He was standing in the Flynn Recreation Complex where he was the front desk attendant, his chubby, pink face peeking over a wooden partition. "What's the other guy look like?" he joked, in his rapid-fire Boston accent. A snowball fight had turned bad, and my nose had taken the brunt of it. "You know," he told me that day, "it's always harder to walk away from a fight."

Ambrose R. Page died last September at the age of 89. To many of us Amby was that voice we'd left back home who told us everything was going to be okay even when it seemed it could not get worse. He sneaked us off to meals when he sensed the money was short. When we groused about teachers or coaches, he reminded us how talented we were. We knew it was a ruse, but it was the tonic we needed. After we graduated, he traveled to our weddings, in Rochester, New York,

Richmond, Virginia—driving eight hours, 15 hours.

Amby's wake was held in a small funeral home in Brighton. On a posterboard were photos collected from his life. Dressed in fatigues on an island in the Pacific. A slim, dark-haired young father in an oversized bathing suit at the Cape. Years later, sitting at the front desk of the Plex, the strands of a mop perched comically on top of his head. And here were his wife and children, their wives and his grandchildren, Boston College deans and professors, secretaries, and the rest of us.

THOMAS ZAMBITO '85  
*Ridgewood, New Jersey*

My work-study job for all four years at BC was at the Plex. During this time, I had the honor of working with an individual who touched my life. He may not have been big in stature, but a bigger heart would be hard to find. Ambrose "Amby" Page loved his position at the entrance to the Sports Complex because he loved people. He spread happiness through his kind, generous, humorous nature, which greeted all at the turnstile. Amby has gone to meet St. Peter at the pearly gates. There is no doubt in my mind that he got in, ID or no ID.

ROSEMARY GORMAN MORLEY '85  
*Dublin, Ireland*

## FOLKARD RECALLED

Professor Al Folkard founded the Honors Program, taught the T.S. Eliot seminar, and had even spent a long night drinking with Eliot and several Jesuits after the poet spoke at BC in the early 1960s.

Folkard smoked a filterless

Camel cigarette at our first meeting, an interview for the Honors Program. He glanced at an essay I'd written on Eliot's "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock," read a few lines aloud in a questioning voice, and casually pointed out my grammatical failings. Then things got serious.

"So what's the 'overwhelming question' referred to in the poem?" he asked.

"The meaning of life," I blurted out.

"Exactly," he said, and then he launched into a close reading of the poem. He tied it into Eliot's later work, *The Waste Land*, quietly singing the popular tune from 1912 that Eliot quotes, "O O O O, that Shakespeherian Rag." He ranged from medieval mystics to the image of the rose in religious stained glass to civil rights.

I took Folkard's class on Eliot in my junior year. He could recite any Eliot poem, no matter how long, from memory. Halfway through the course, I realized that he was also quoting from memory critical works on Eliot. The giveaway was when he would absentmindedly turn the imaginary page of the book he was quoting.

Professor Folkard died on December 14, 2003, at the age of 89. I still have that "overwhelming question" tucked away, and I can hear him asking, as Eliot, "What are the roots that clutch?"

JACK CROWE '82  
*Oak Park, Illinois*

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"No clergy discount today"—Leahy, with Archbishop O'Malley at the April 20 press conference

# This land

## AGREEMENT IS REACHED

Before a bank of television cameras in a room full of reporters, University President William P. Leahy, SJ, and Boston Archbishop Sean O'Malley, OFM, delivered the news on April 20 that many local observers had been anticipating since December. Agreement had been reached, sealed with a handshake, for Boston College to purchase 43 acres of the 64.5-acre expanse owned by the archdiocese diagonally across Commonwealth Avenue from BC's lower campus. The executive committee of the University's Board of Trustees had conferred by telephone the night before, sometime after the last Patriot's Day marathoners had shuffled past the two campuses, and approved a purchase price of \$99.4 million.



While the archdiocese's intention to sell and the University's interest in buying were well known, the magnitude of the sale exceeded previous announcements of the property to be put on the market (originally, 27.6 acres) by more than half. Included in the purchase, in addition to the parcel's broad rolling lawns, are St. William's Hall, a partially occupied administrative building; St. Clement's Hall, which the University now leases for offices; and the imposing Renaissance Revival mansion that was home to Boston archbishops for 76 years.

Moreover, the agreement sets out opportunities for Boston College to expand its holdings over the next decade. In 2006, the University is committed in principle to purchase an additional 3.25 acres of the same expanse of Church property, a parcel containing the archdiocesan tribunal building, for \$8 million. And, if by 2014 either or both of the two remaining sections of land—4.75 acres containing the Chancery, and 13.5 acres containing St. John's Seminary—are offered for sale, Boston College is obligated to purchase them, for \$20 million and approximately \$40 million, respectively.

According to Leahy, the University has some money set aside for the initial purchase, but assembling the full amount will involve a "special fundraising appeal to our alumni and friends." He told reporters, "The cost of this property will be significant for us, but we could not pass up the opportunity for more land, especially a parcel so close to our campus."

Did you get a good deal? asked a reporter. Is this a

bailout of the financially troubled archdiocese? Leahy allowed a slight smile and said, "There was no clergy discount today." The University was paying a fair price. Later William McCall, a Boston commercial real estate broker who represented the archdiocese, concurred, calling the purchase and sale a "win/win opportunity." McCall said there had been at least one other bidder, but only Boston College "had the ability to close soon—and the archdiocese wanted this."

Archbishop O'Malley announced that proceeds from the sale would go to pay off \$90 million in loans taken out by the archdiocese to finance its settlement, reached last December, with clergy sexual abuse victims. "It was very important for us as an archdio-

cese to clearly show how the funds for the settlement were raised," he said. O'Malley had pledged that no parish income, no money raised in the Annual Catholic Appeal to fund the archdiocese, and no dollars destined for Catholic schools would go toward the settlement. The quick sale to Boston College, he noted, will save interest payments on the archdiocese's loans. It will also deflate assertions that the expense of the abuse scandal is in some way responsible for a round of parish and school closings to be scheduled this year. "While I am saddened that a large piece of our Brighton campus had to be sold to this end, I am pleased that the offer by Boston College was the one that we accepted at the end of the sale process," O'Malley said. "It is

good that we have been able to keep the property within the Catholic community."

Asked about plans for using the new property, Leahy said it may be several years before the University has an answer. In the short term, he said, the land will provide much needed space for playing fields and surface parking. Beyond that, the University will begin amending its master plan in consultation with the Boston Redevelopment Authority, as city law requires.

The formal purchase is due to take place on June 30, 2004. Meanwhile, the archdiocese must secure approval from its finance council, its college of consultors, the board of St. John's Seminary, and the Holy See, all of which Church officials expect to be forthcoming.

*Anna Marie Murphy*

## AN EXPANDED FUTURE

*University President William P. Leahy, SJ, e-mailed the following message to the 14,000 students, faculty, and staff of Boston College on April 20, 2004.*

Dear Member of the Boston College Community:

As you will have heard, Boston College has entered into an agreement in principle to purchase 43 acres of the Archdiocese of Boston campus just across Commonwealth Avenue from our own campus, an acquisition that will increase our land holdings by nearly 30 percent. The details of the agreement, which include options for the purchase of additional archdiocesan property over the next years, can be found at [www.bc.edu/bcinfo](http://www.bc.edu/bcinfo).

Boston College has become one of the premier universities, but it yearns to be a greater university still. We enroll extraordinarily gifted students, and our faculty and staff are accomplished and ambitious. We do not lack for inspiration or for new ideas. But to have an expanded future, you need a place on which to build it.

The University has planned well over the years, its leaders taking advantage of opportunities to acquire the Chestnut Hill Campus (1907), the Upper Reservoir (1949), and the Newton College Campus (1974). These were turning points

in Boston College's history, literally making the present breadth and eminence of the University attainable.

And so in a profound sense, the agreement we've entered into is not about property. It is about possibility. It is about dreams and imagination and contributions to society, the Church, and the world. We are buying today on faith, faith in our present abilities, certainly, but more particularly faith in all those men and women of talent, ambition, and commitment who will come after us to build in Boston College's name.

Today, then, is a day to be thankful for the work and blessing of those who, over the course of 141 years, brought us to this moment. And it is also a day to be prayerful for ourselves and for those whose names we do not yet know but whom we now charge with carrying the University mission and vision forward to greater excellence.

Sincerely,  
William P. Leahy, SJ  
President

# DR. GREENSPAN'S OUTLOOK

CEOs and the Fed chairman consider the job market

Federal Reserve chair Alan Greenspan capped off Boston College's annual finance conference, held March 12 in Conte Forum, by cautioning against protectionist trade policies as an antidote for job loss, and predicting that U.S. businesses would soon begin to create more jobs.

Nearly two million Americans had been unemployed for more than six months, he said, but neither outsourcing nor free trade had caused their woes. With his trademark syntactic complexity, he said that "although in recent years the proportion of our labor force made up of those with at least some college education has continued to grow, we appear, nonetheless, to be graduating too few skilled workers to address the apparent imbalance between the supply of such workers and the burgeoning demand for them. . . . Many of our students languish at too low a level of skill, and the result is an apparent excess of supply [of low-skilled workers] relative to a declining demand."

As evidence for this argument, he pointed to the dramatic rise in wages of highly skilled Americans and the stagnation in wages of Americans with lower skills. Instead of protectionist trade policies, which he called "a sure path to stagnation," the Federal Reserve chair prescribed more schooling to bring workers' skills up to the demands of



Chairman Greenspan and Lucent CEO Russo



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new technologies, though he never specified who would provide and pay for the schooling.

Greenspan was the day's final and most illustrious speaker, preceded on the dais by a lineup of business heavyweights that included the CEOs Jerry Yang of Yahoo, Inc.; Patricia Russo of Lucent Technologies; Craig McCaw, of Eagle River Investments LLC; and Brian Roberts of Comcast Corporation. In a month during which job creation numbers continued to disappoint, a week when the Dow dropped by 3.5 percent, and a day when U.S. ally Spain was burying the victims of a massive attack by terrorists, most speakers struck a strongly optimistic, almost chipper note. During intermissions, the audience of 2,500, mainly businesspeople, stood

around talking boisterously to one another or into their cell phones while soft pop tunes of yesteryear ("Poinciana," "Tenderly") played on the PA system.

In the conference's opening speech, Yahoo's Jerry Yang pooh-poohed the bursting of the late 1990s high-tech bubble, saying, "People think the Internet has . . . gone up and down when the reality, in terms of usage and in terms of global growth, is that it really hasn't stopped at all." Today's Yahoo users are "more active, more engaged" compared to users 10 years ago, said the co-founder of the famous search engine, and the applications the website provides them "are more critical to their lives." The bursting of the high-tech bubble, he continued, had only strengthened the Web-based companies that survived.

Broadband penetration, Yang noted, is growing at a rapid pace, with up to 40 percent of U.S. households predicted to have broadband cable hookups by 2007. What's more, small businesses have found ways of "leveraging the Internet as an infrastructure not only to get in touch with customers they already know but to reach out to [new] customers"—good news for job seekers, Yang explained, because collectively "small businesses tend to hire a lot more people than larger businesses."

The day's next speakers, a two-person panel consisting of Russo from the communications hardware and software manufacturer Lucent, and McCaw from Eagle River, which holds stock in cellular phone companies, essentially took up where Yang left off, with McCaw even finding the



silver lining of the outsourcing cloud. ("We all thought India would never turn around," he said. "All of a sudden, with a good education system, they can compete.") Both Russo and McCaw talked up the wealth-creating prospects of new technologies like high-definition video-conferencing and the "bundling" of services such as voice mail, e-mail, telephone, TV, video games, and so on, delivered over a single cable or wireless handset—"a common platform," Russo called it. According to McCaw, the operating system sold by U.S.-based Microsoft and the country's Internet protocols "dominate the world," and English is the lingua franca of international business, all of which puts U.S. companies "in a position to dominate" the high-tech and telecommunications fields.

The first strong indication that all might not be well with the economy came in the day's other two-person panel, which featured a pair of ideologically opposed Catholic college alumni, Thomas J. Donohue (St. John's), president and CEO of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and John J. Sweeney (Iona), president of the AFL-CIO. According to Donohue the two have appeared together before, and it was easy to believe, considering the practiced way they fired off points and counterpoints. While Sweeney said the country is "in the middle of a jobs crisis," Donohue shot back that Americans are wealthier than ever and the unemployment rate—then 5.6 percent—is "much, much lower than in periods following previous recessions." Blaming job loss at least

in part on the outsourcing of service and manufacturing jobs, Sweeney called for trade agreements that "address core labor standards," presumably to promote higher wages and better working conditions in the countries that Americans buy cheap goods from, which would in turn make U.S. manufactured goods more competitive. Donohue, for his part, predicted that the United States "would lose 40 percent of its economy if it backed out of the global system of trade" and downplayed the effects of outsourcing, saying that U.S. manufacturing jobs have moved "to a country you've never traveled to, and it's called productivity." When Donohue pointed out that foreign-owned companies like Toyota provide millions of jobs for U.S. workers, Sweeney admitted that foreign investment does create jobs in the United States but not enough to make a significant dent in a worrisome trade deficit. Sound bites from both panelists drew applause, but the applause for Donohue's remarks was noticeably louder.

If Sweeney tolled a discordant note, it was quickly drowned out by the following speaker, Brian Roberts of the cable giant Comcast, who touted his company's growth (by a factor of seven in the last five years), its financial discipline, the "family feeling" in its workplaces, its managers' responsiveness to suggestions from below, and above all, its integrity, which Roberts called "the guiding beacon in our . . . credo." Roberts made news at the finance conference when he announced that Comcast, having recently and very pub-



Yang of Yahoo: "Small businesses tend to hire a lot more people."

licly failed to acquire the Walt Disney Company, was going to keep trying. "When I look at the next generation of cable technology—things like video-on-demand, high-definition TV, and streaming media," he explained, it seems clear that "by uniting Comcast and Disney, we can innovate faster for the benefit of consumers."

After Roberts came Greenspan, the conference headliner, who spoke following a brief ceremony during which he received an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University. Toward the end of his talk, the sometimes dour

Fed chief started sounding almost cheerful. Digressing from the worker education theme, he appeared to join Donohue in blaming the current joblessness not on something bad—a deficit in worker skills—but on something positive—"accelerated gains in productivity." Employment would pick up "before long," he predicted, "as [economic] output continues to expand."

*David Reich*

*David Reich is a writer based in the Boston area. Greenspan's talk may be viewed in full at [www.bc.edu/frontrow](http://www.bc.edu/frontrow).*

## OVERDUE

University Librarian Jerome Yavarkovsky has been recognized with the 2004 Hugh C. Atkinson Memorial Award—considered the most prestigious award for an academic library director—from the American Library Association. Since Yavarkovsky assumed his post in 1995, the Boston College Libraries have joined the Association of Research Libraries and acquired the University's milestone two-millionth volume.

## FACULTY PROMOTIONS

Promoted to associate professor with tenure this winter were Paul Arnstein (CSON), Sarah Babb (sociology), Martin Bridgeman (mathematics), Audrey Friedman (LSOE), Eva Marie Garrouette (sociology), Joseph Liu (law), David Quigley (history), and Robin Wood (CSON); promoted to full professor were Mary Sarah Bilder (law), Judith Gordon (CSOM), June Horowitz (CSON), Udayan Mohanty (chemistry), Zhifeng Ren (physics), and Richard Tresch (economics); and promoted to full professor with tenure was David Dickinson (LSOE). For profiles of promoted faculty, go to [www.bc.edu/atbc](http://www.bc.edu/atbc) and click on "features."

## FREQUENT FLIERS

The Institute of International Education has ranked Boston College ninth among doctoral universities for the proportion of its undergraduates who study abroad, 27.3 percent. In the 2003–04 academic year, BC undergraduates studied in 27 different countries, with the largest numbers going to England, Australia, and Spain.

# ON ASSIGNMENT

## DeLong, Husson fill new posts

University President William P. Leahy, SJ, announced on May 5 that Senior Vice President for University Relations Mary Lou DeLong will step down June 15 and that Vice President for Development James J. Husson will succeed her as vice president for university advancement. DeLong will assume a new role as vice president in the Office of the President.

"Mary Lou DeLong has had such an impact not only on fundraising at BC but also on efforts to strengthen ties with alumni, parents, and friends of the University," said Fr. Leahy. "She brought tremendous professionalism, commitment, and dedication to her position. I am grateful for her many years of service, and I am delighted that she will remain a vice president and will work closely with the Office of the President."

DeLong's responsibilities in her new post will include assisting the president with specific fundraising projects as well as serving as the president's liaison to the Council for Women at Boston College and various advisory groups established by departments, schools, and colleges of the University.

RECRUITED to the University as part of the expansion of fundraising efforts, James J. Husson assumed the newly created position of vice president for development in



Husson (left) and Leahy

2002. He brought with him 15 years of experience, including service as vice president for development at Brown University, where he oversaw a 50 percent increase in annual giving. Prior to his work at Brown, Husson served at Harvard University as director of major gifts for the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

Since his arrival at Boston

College, Husson has led the University's efforts to expand its fundraising staff, including the hiring of three new associate vice presidents. Working closely with trustees and volunteer leaders, he and his staff have spearheaded a number of new initiatives and increased resources devoted to areas such as the Boston College Fund and gift planning.





Mary Lou DeLong

"Jim Husson's work at Brown and Harvard has prepared him well for his new role at Boston College," said Fr. Leahy. "In the last 18 months he has shown that he has the experience and skills necessary to lead the University to continued success in its advancement efforts."

Husson said he and his team look forward to advancing the work of the University in the years to come. "I am inheriting an exceptional volunteer network and an outstanding staff," Husson said. "We are enthusiastic about helping to advance the work of our faculty and students. Boston College is clearly a place that sets and achieves remarkable goals. We will do our very best to expand the financial resources that are so critical to the University's mission and strategic direction."

A native of Lowell and a 1987 graduate of the University of Rochester, Husson lives in Arlington with his wife, Laurie Smith, and two children, Jonah and Anna.

Speaking of her 28-year close association with Boston College, DeLong noted,

"From my first affiliation as a Newton College graduate, to my five years as a University trustee, to my current position as senior vice president of university relations, my experience has been enriching and rewarding. BC is a university unique among its peers; it is an institution true to its Jesuit, Catholic mission and a place where private voluntary support has flourished and will continue to flourish. I am enormously proud of what the Ever to Excel Campaign accomplished for Boston College. Looking ahead, this seems a very appropriate time for the next generation of leadership to take the helm."

During DeLong's tenure, annual giving increased from \$16.6 million in cash received in 1992 to last year's record-breaking total of \$55.3 million. Most recently, under her leadership, Boston College's Ever to Excel Campaign raised \$441 million in gifts from more than 90,000 donors, including \$225 million for endowment, \$80 million for endowed faculty teaching positions, \$71 million for student scholarships and financial aid, and \$38 million for new facilities and renovations.

DELONG, A 1971 graduate of Newton College of the Sacred Heart, began her career at Boston College in 1976, serving in the offices of alumni relations and then development until 1981. She then left to pursue development opportunities at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, New Jersey, and Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts, before becoming director of major gifts at Harvard Medical

School from 1987 to 1989. She was a member of the Board of Trustees at Boston College from 1984 to 1989.

DeLong returned to Boston College in 1989, joining the development office as

director of individual gifts. She was named to the post of vice president for university relations in 1992 and became senior vice president for university relations in 2001.

*Office of Public Affairs*

## THE HOUSE

by C. Dale Young

*Et c'est à vous que je pense, ô Maison!  
Maison des beaux étés obscurs de mon enfance.*  
—O.V. de L. Milosz

The house is no longer the house,  
its windows shadowed by the city's grime,  
its walls weakened by the salted complaints  
of the seaside. Even a sand dune's walls  
are lost beneath the rippling shag of sea grass.

The house is becoming inconsequential.  
It is now portable, carried in the heart like an ache,  
a murmur in the chest, the almost imperceptible  
sound one hears, on occasion, in a shell.  
The house fills our dreams with windows

and vistas, drapes caught by a finger of wind  
and pulled into something like drama,  
doors creaking, the wind racing down  
hallways in search of something, anything,  
the flickering of a soul at rest.

I have begun to hear the ocean crooning our names  
in over a hundred different languages.  
Tireless old master, it understands the house  
has become passé, something all too ordinary.  
The ocean longs to teach us the architecture of loss.

*C. Dale Young '91 published his first collection of poetry, The Day Underneath the Day, in 2001. His next book, The Second Person, is due out in spring 2005.*

# DANCE FEVER

Eighteen footloose hours

On two basketball courts in the Flynn Recreation Complex, students in uniform red tees are stretching. It's Friday evening, March 19, and "Miracles in Motion," Boston College's second annual Dance Marathon, a benefit for Children's Hospital Boston, is about to begin. The 277 students in red have each raised between \$150 and \$1,000 in pledges, and have committed to stay on their feet for 18 hours.

Two racquetball courts adjoining the gym are home base for the "moralers," another 170 students distinguishable by yellow shirts and the fact that they're permitted short breaks. They've been individually assigned to "morale" one or two dancers with snacks and surprise notes from loved ones. They're also divided into teams with names like "Couch Potatoes" and "Rewind to '89," each in charge of a theme hour. The pirate-inspired "Black Pearl" crew (who greet one another with growls of "Arrrr!") are mixing foil-wrapped candy into pots of sticky spaghetti. "Buried treasure," someone explains.

A few students look tired already. Team "Cowboy Up" co-captain Lauren Wojnar '07 says she spent the day "chasing down the UPS guy" to get the box of cowboy hats and bandannas now at her feet. And a dark-haired freshman in a jean skirt, Anna Rupani, is coming off a philosophy paper deadline and a computer crisis.



Hour two (above), Katie Davis '05 and Julia, age 11. Hour 17 (below), as late morning sunlight streams in through a door at rear

"Basically I'm pulling two all-nighters," she says with a wan smile.

At 10 minutes to six, the moralers pour into the gym, clapping and whooping, circling the dancers-to-be who sit cross-legged on the floor. Special guests in white logo T-shirts—Children's Hospital pa-

tients and their families—begin a countdown from the stage. The children hoist fluorescent signs and the crowd chants with them: "3! 2! 1!"

There is a general scramble as the music blasts out and everyone gets to their feet. The dancing is tentative at first: There seems to be a pre-

vailing marathon-not-a-sprint mentality. Within 15 minutes, however, a laid-back conga line snakes around the floor.

The room regroups to learn the Line Dance, to a medley of Nineties dance pop (C&C Music Factory's "Everybody Dance Now," House of Pain's "Jump Around")—a lot of shaking interspersed with classic moves from the Tootsie Roll and the Funky Chicken. Morale director Kara Robbins '04 sings alternate lyrics into the microphone: "Back again, year number two! Children's Hospital has joined our crew!" To the rear of the gym, the visiting kids bounce around inside an inflated red, blue, and yellow playscape, next to a crafts table and a plump leather couch that has been donated by a local furniture store.

The energy of the room skyrockets soon afterward when the wildly popular OutKast tune "Hey Ya!" rips from the speakers with its call to "sh-sh-sh-shake it like a Polaroid picture." A guy scoops his friend off her feet and swirls her around the floor. A dancer in a wheelchair throws her shoulders into the beat, as another young woman shimmies by with gauzy yellow-and-black-striped wings pinned to her back.

A ponytailed moraler in blue plaid flannel pants sneaks up on four dancers chatting on the sidelines. "Dance, dancers,

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*dance!!*” he exhorts, startling them into moving their feet.

THE EVENING is punctuated by entertainment provided by campus dance groups, cover bands, even a bagpiper. There’s pizza, doughnuts, cookies, cake, bagels, protein bars, Skittles, gummy bears, Pop-Tarts, yogurt, salad, sports drinks, and water. Absent are caffeine and salty snacks. At a briefing a week earlier, participants were told there’d be an embargo on such dehydrating elements, as well as on timepieces. The Plex clocks were covered or removed, although, confides one dancer, “they forgot the one in the locker room.” (Later, that too disappears.)

Eleven students in black polo shirts—the marathon’s executive board—tend the machinery of this 18-hour party. They’ve been organizing since September. Still, glitches happen: Their walkie-talkies, for example, stopped working half an hour before kickoff.

Chief of staff Richard Boles ’05 monitors the lobby, where marathoners are milling around a TV checking March Madness scores. Greeters take donations from the BC students, employees, and administrators who stop by to watch or dance for a while (more than 200 in all). Boles says everything is “larger scale” than the 2003 inaugural marathon, which lasted 12 hours, involved 165 dancers, and raised roughly \$28,000 for the Boona-Baana Center for Children’s Rights in Tanzania. This year, Dance Marathon became an officially recognized campus group, sponsored by the Office of Residential Life and by Campus Ministry.

THE OLDEST and youngest visitors have gone home and college kids have taken over the playscape. One dancer flops down to the floor at the end of a song, realizes his mistake, and scrambles back to his feet. Anna Rupani, she of the double-all-nighter, has kicked off her flip-flops and is flat on her back among jackets and bags in the moraler room. Four hours down, 14 to go.

Katelyn Reabe ’07 has traded her red tee for a tank top and is at the craft table in the back of the gym, making paper heart necklaces with friends. Fellow freshman Kim Hirsch says she signed up on Student Activities Day—“and *then* they told me I had to dance for 18 hours.” Did she reconsider? “Yeah,” she quips, clipping a piece of yarn, “I’m reconsidering right now.”

“I brought five changes of clothes, four pairs of socks, and three pairs of shoes,” says Reabe. “I didn’t know what I’d need.”

Hirsch nods. “I brought two pairs of shoes, three bottoms, two tops, a toothbrush, facewash, and deodorant.”

INSIDE THE windowless gym, there is no marking of the switch from Friday to Saturday, no acknowledgement of the halfway point at 2 A.M. A projection screen on the wall displays pictures from earlier in the night, but the passing of time is visible mostly in the proliferation of props and strange attire: glowsticks, beach balls, inflatable baseball bats, grass skirts and leis, coconut bras, straw hats, bunny ears. There’s an infusion of superhero costumes (the theme of this year’s Middlemarch

Ball, also held tonight) as revellers swing by on their way home. Eventually those folks too call it a night. Outside the Plex, the campus sleeps.

FROM THE balcony overlooking the courts, DJ John Vautour ’04 assesses the scene. The executive board has just taken pies in the face from dancers who raised more than \$500, and there’s whipped cream everywhere. Vautour volunteered to spin 18 hours of music with his business partner and girlfriend, Sara Burley. The key, he says, is to stick with popular requests guaranteed to get people moving and singing: Britney Spears, Madonna. An unlikely mix of Christmas tunes did the trick for a little while. He’s holding back sure bets like “YMCA” and “Shout,” but “it’s frustrating because I want to get the crowd pumped up.”

Down on the floor, two young women lean back to back, absorbing each other’s weight. “Crouch, don’t sit,” warns the MC at one point. “I repeat: crouch, do not sit.” The sofa at the back of the room has been blocked off with yellow “caution” tape.

JUST AFTER dawn, someone throws open the doors of the gym. It’s a brilliantly sunny morning. At eight, families and friends start to arrive, looking showered, fresh, from a different world.

Earlier, Jennifer and Richard Cotell, both BC ’86, had gotten up to express their thanks (daughter Jillian, age three-and-a-half, is a Children’s Hospital patient). Now, Meg Kelly takes the stage with her daughter, tiny, curly-haired

Isabel—an exuberant three-year-old who has already charmed several BC students. The hospital, Kelly says, saved Isabel’s heart. “Someday she’s going to dance all night like you guys.”

THE HOME stretch is pure adrenaline. Few inhibitions remain—limbs flop, hands clap, knees jerk. Two girls get a uniformed security guard to groove to “Shake Your Tailfeather.”

DJ John: “You guys tired yet?”

The crowd: “Nooooo!”  
“How about another 18 hours?” he taunts.

Heads tilt up to the balcony, where a clock has just reappeared, its hands about to snap perfectly upright.

“3! 2! 1!”

Several immediately collapse; others hug, or raise their fists like they’ve just barreled through the ribbon at a finish line. Some dance for a minute more before sprawling against the floorboards. There’s a litany of acknowledgements, and the organizers, led by Katie Davis ’05, hold giant posterboard numerals aloft to announce the students’ achievement: \$62,441. Then it’s over. Trudging into the sunlight, a guy cheerfully tells his friend, “I’m going to sleep for the rest of my life.” But some have a different idea. On their way out, several of the Children’s Hospital families bid goodbye to Davis and company, saying, “See you next year.”

*Nicole Estvanik*

*To view more images from this year’s Dance Marathon, visit [www.bc.edu/atbc](http://www.bc.edu/atbc) and click on “features.”*

# FULL SERVICE

A theologian takes his congregation back in time

If the American Episcopal Church is on the verge of schism, as many people fear, you would not have known it from the genteel service that took place on the evening of March 11 in the chapel of Boston's Emmanuel Church. Officiating were Rev. James Weiss, an associate professor of theology at Boston College, and Rev. David Siegenthaler, tutor emeritus in history at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge. The service they led—the words, the music, the ceremony—was not the usual contemporary one, but a form that dated from 1789. The prayer book from which the congregation of 30 or so read was in fact the first one issued in this country by the Episcopal Church. Together the congregants sang an 18th-century hymn and received the bread and wine “humbly kneeling” (not standing, as in many modern parishes) from the hands of the two priests, who were garbed in plain white surplices. For historical accuracy, the chapel's gilded altar, with its ranks of carved saints arrayed like organ pipes, stood unused, supplanted by a stark wooden table. Afterward, everyone got together in the church hall for a spaghetti dinner and a very civilized discussion about liturgical change.

The evening marked the fifth installment in Weiss and Siegenthaler's Historic Liturgies



SARAH EVANS

Weiss in 16th-century garb, for a service last fall

Program, a series that re-enacts liturgies long since retired from use by the Church. The series started last year as an intellectual and spiritual exercise; it has grown into a means of putting the Episcopal Church's current turmoil in perspective.

To guess at the Church's troubles, you would have had only to look up. In the sky above Emmanuel that evening, two police helicopters kept an eye on the crowd gathered outside the Massachusetts State House, where the legislature was debating gay marriage. The issue has divided the 2.4-million-member American Episcopal Church since last summer, when its House of Bishops gave each diocese the option of blessing same-sex unions. More polarizing still—both within the Church and within its parent organization, the 70-million-

member worldwide Anglican Communion—has been the naming of the first openly gay Episcopal bishop, Rev. Canon V. Gene Robinson, who began presiding over the New Hampshire Diocese on March 7 of this year.

SINCE JUNE 2003, when Robinson was elected, the heads of large Anglican branches in Africa, Southeast Asia, and South America have declared the Episcopal Church to be “out of communion” with the rest of the Anglican world. In the United States, 13 of the 100 Episcopal dioceses have joined to form the conservative Network of Anglican Communion Dioceses and Parishes, with the intention of providing a “biblically driven” alternative to the established Church. Many Episcopalians worry that permanent schism lies ahead.

The Historic Liturgies Project has become Emmanuel's way of saying “take a breath.” Through services based on different versions of the many-times-revised Book of Common Prayer, the program dramatizes the upheavals the Anglican Church has gone through—and survived—since its founding in 1534. As the debate over homosexuality erupted, Weiss explained in his office at BC, “the pastoral relevance of the project became sharper. Here a Church was saying, ‘We can't stay together, because a fundamental norm is in question.’” But in Weiss's view, the Church has always had to broker differences. “Yes, we have doctrines, creeds, ethical norms,” he said. “But when we differ over their meaning or application, we don't exclude each other. We come back together and pray. It seemed an appropriate moment to remind the Episcopal Church that the genius of the Anglican tradition has always been its inclusivity.”

In its early decades, Weiss pointed out, Anglican theology swung widely between two poles, known as high and low. The high form of worship embraced many of the beliefs and traditions of Catholicism. The low form shared the Protestant desire to return to practices from early Christianity. As a result, Anglicanism was torn even over its most basic doctrines, including the meaning of the Eucharist, or Holy



Communion. “The more Catholic party held to the notion of transubstantiation”—the idea that the bread and wine literally become the body and blood of Christ—“which is a little too high for most Anglicans,” Weiss said. “The much more radical Protestant party held to a merely symbolic view, which is a bit too low for most Anglicans.”

Attending the entire Historic Liturgy series, you would have watched the two parties duke it out in successive versions of the Eucharist. In the first Book of Common Prayer, from 1549, communicants were told: “The body of our Lord Jesus Christ . . . preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life; the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ . . . preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life”—the transubstantial formula. Just three years later, a drastically revised prayer book portrayed the Eucharist as a commemoration: “Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving; drink this in remembrance that Christ’s blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.”

According to Weiss, it was Elizabeth I, crowned queen of England in 1558, who settled the matter. She believed that “these formulas were basically ways of excluding people from Communion,” Weiss said. “The formula that was then adopted in the 1559 prayer book, and that has remained in force in the Church of England, was to say *both* sentences, one offering a higher view of Christ’s presence, the other offering the lower view. The beautiful thing is that, for most

people, these sentences cohere in pointing to the mystery of Communion.”

High and low forms of worship have jockeyed for position ever since. The early American prayer book used at the March 11 service, Weiss noted, was influenced by the Episcopal Church of Scotland, which (unlike the Church of England in the aftermath of the American Revolution) agreed to ordain American priests. Accordingly, the liturgy contained an Offertory, an offering of gifts to God. That distinctly Catholic practice was absent from the Church of England, which held that

Christ’s sacrifice was sufficient offering.

Such theological differences sparked as much controversy in their day as questions of sexual ethics do now, said Weiss. “It wasn’t just theories. It was ‘Are we doing what we need to do to be a community before God and to be saved?’ Those criteria are still operative in the reaction to Gene Robinson.”

Reliving the evolution of Anglican liturgy has been an eye-opening experience, both for Weiss and, he believes, for his congregants at Emmanuel Church. “We finally ‘get’ what tradition is. It’s not rote repeti-

tion of the past. Tradition is ongoing change with an awareness of continuity. We’ve always had to deal with questions about how to interpret the Bible, how to apply biblical norms, and when a tradition becomes obsolete. Tradition means we face the past and we make choices about it.”

*David Brittan*

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STEPHEN SLADE



**NET GAINS**—The BC women’s basketball team coached by Cathy Ingles captured its first-ever Big East championship this year following a 25-6 season. The Eagles, who were ranked 23rd in the nation, defeated third-ranked Connecticut in the semifinals and went on to beat Rutgers in the March 9 final game at Hartford, Connecticut, with a score of 75-57. The Eagles entered the NCAA tournament as a number three seed and made it to the Sweet Sixteen. Left, the team celebrates minutes after becoming Big East champs. Senior guard Amber Jacobs, the second BC player ever to be drafted to the WNBA—she will join the Minnesota Lynx—is just left of center, directly behind the trophy. For links to *Boston Globe* profiles of Jacobs and other members of the team, go to [www.bc.edu/atbc](http://www.bc.edu/atbc) and click on “features.”

# UNDER GOD

It's time to tighten the clergy-penitent privilege, says a BC Law professor

A man goes to his priest, minister, or rabbi and reveals three things: that he can't stand his job; that he's just bought a shotgun; and that tomorrow he intends to shoot his boss. If the man follows through, can a court compel the clergy member to testify at the murder trial? According to R. Michael Cassidy, associate professor at BC Law School, the answer to this question varies from state to state and by court. The lack of uniformity, he says, serves neither justice nor the clergy. In an article published in the *William and Mary Law Review* last year, he calls for a narrowing of the rules.

Cassidy proposes a model statute that would compel clergy to testify about many conversations in which the intent was disclosed to commit a serious violent crime. The only conversations remaining privileged would be confessions that are deemed secret under religious law, such as those offered within the sacrament of Penance. This exception, he explains, would allow the statute to skirt potential church-state conflict.

At present, notes Cassidy, common law privileges excuse clergy members from testifying in federal courts. Most states, however, "define clergy-penitent privilege by statute," he says, "and the states are all over the board on this." In most states, Cassidy says, the parishioner holds the privilege—that is, he or she deter-



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Cassidy: "The states are all over the board."

mines whether the clergy member testifies or not—but in some states both individuals hold the privilege, and the clergy member can refuse to testify if he chooses.

Some states privilege only information disclosed during sacramental confessions; others also privilege information disclosed during spiritual and even marital counseling by a clergy member. Some states apply the privilege not only to those whom we traditionally think of as clergy but also to deacons, nuns, and lay religious counselors. In 1971, a court in California extended the privilege to draft counselors who happened to work with a minister at a college.

And some states apply the privilege to conversations that take place at Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, because AA is founded on religious or spiritual principles—an example, says Cassidy, of "clergy-penitent privilege where there's no clergy present." In mutations such as these, the clergy-penitent privilege, Cassidy says, has grown far beyond its original dual purpose, that of avoiding state interference with religious exercise and of encouraging people to seek spiritual counseling ("society has an interest in fostering a morally grounded and well-behaved citizenry," notes Cassidy). Worse, such broad privilege often interferes with

a crucial function of the legal system: learning the truth.

CASSIDY decided to study clergy-penitent privilege in reaction to the clergy sexual abuse crisis in the Catholic Church. A Catholic layman and former prosecutor, he says he was "concerned about how these horrific acts could have gone undetected and—where detected—tolerated for so long." On the other hand, he says, "In some respects, my article has very little to do with the crisis." When religious superiors learn about abuse, says Cassidy, it is not usually from a formal confession but "because parents complain to them, or another priest tells them about it. And these situations are already dealt with by child abuse reporting statutes"—among them the mandated reporter law enacted last year in Massachusetts, which requires clergy, along with educators, medical workers, and social service providers, to report any reasonable suspicions of child abuse to civil authorities.

Cassidy's model statute has no comparable reporting requirement. Nonetheless, he says, it presents a strong incentive to clergy to deliver an early warning to authorities whenever possible, the chance to avoid the embarrassment of having to explain in open court why a serious crime was allowed to happen.

David Reich



# HELD BACK

## Trouble in education reform

A “constriction in the education pipeline” has accompanied the three significant reform movements that have swept American education over the past 30 years, reports a team of researchers at the Lynch School’s Center for the Study of Testing, Evaluation, and Educational Policy (CSTEED). The effects can be measured in the student attrition rate between ninth and 10th grade and in declining graduation rates nationwide.

The report, entitled “The Education Pipeline in the United States, 1970–2000,” was released in January by LSOE professor Walter Haney, Boisi Professor of Education George Madaus, research associates Lisa Abrams and Anne Wheelock, and graduate students Jing Miao and Ilena Gruia. The purpose of the study was to identify dropout rates, which are poorly reported by the states, and determine the rates of retention in-grade (flunking), which are rarely reported.

The researchers examined enrollment figures grade by grade, as well as graduation totals, nationally and by state, from school years 1968–69 through 2000–01. They found that the attrition rate for students between grades nine and 10 over this period had tripled, to nearly 12 percent. (Florida was worst in the nation, with a rate of 23.8 percent). At the same time, an already evident bulge in the number of stu-

dents in ninth grade—figured by comparing ninth grade enrollments with the previous year’s eighth grade numbers—grew from 4 percent more students in ninth grade to 13 percent more. Clearly, say the authors, increasing shares of students are being flunked in ninth grade. And this, they say, “[bodes] ill for future graduation rates.” In Texas, for example, the results of research previously conducted by Haney showed that 70 to 80 percent of students who failed to pass ninth grade on their first try also failed to graduate in later years.

Haney and his group found that attrition between ninth and 10th grade rose from 3 to 5 percent in the wake of the minimum competency testing movement of the late 1970s; they reported another increase, to 8 percent, following the rise of the academic standards movement inspired in 1983 by the federal report, *A Nation at Risk*; and finally, a jump to almost 12 percent with the ascent of high-stakes testing in the 1990s.

The researchers calculated graduation rates by comparing the number of 12th graders with the number of eighth graders four and a half years before. With the Goals 2000 Act of 1994, they noted, President Bill Clinton set a national target high school graduation rate of 90 percent. Nonetheless, between school years 1991–92 and 2000–01,

graduation rates fell, from 78.4 percent to 74.4 percent. Two states, New Jersey and Wisconsin, achieved the 90 percent goal, but the number of states graduating 70 percent or fewer of their students more than doubled, from five to 13.

THERE IS GOOD news to report at the other end of the pipeline, however, say the BC researchers. Analyzing kindergarten enrollment numbers, they found that from the 1960s to the 1990s, the percentage of children starting school in kindergarten as opposed to first grade grew from 60 to about 90 percent. Compulsory school attendance laws in some locales have contributed to this rise, as has the growing number of working mothers. “A more direct cause,” say the authors, has been “the increasing recognition of the importance of early childhood education,” going back to the Head Start Program of 1965.

But such positive numbers at the beginning of the education years don’t soften the bad news later on, say Haney and his group: “The constriction in the high school pipeline . . . should be viewed as a real national emergency.”

*Anna Marie Murphy*

*The full text of “The Education Pipeline in the United States, 1970–2000” is available at [www.bc.edu/research/nbctpp/reports.html](http://www.bc.edu/research/nbctpp/reports.html).*



Holland (left) and Simmons

### LEADING EDGE

Grace Simmons ’05 and Burnell Holland ’05 are the new president and vice president, respectively, of the Undergraduate Government of Boston College (UGBC). Both are political science majors.

### LYCEUM

Guest speakers at Boston College this spring included: Myles Brand, president of the National Collegiate Athletic Association; E. J. Dionne, *Washington Post* columnist; Paul Farmer, medical anthropologist; Aaron Feuerstein, CEO of Malden Mills Industries; Corey Flintoff, National Public Radio anchor/reporter; U.S. Representative Mark Foley (R-FL); Ellen Goodman, *Boston Globe* columnist; Lani Guinier of Harvard Law School; Leon Kass, MD, chair of the President’s Council on Bioethics; Harvey Mansfield, political philosopher; Azar Nafisi, author of *Reading Lolita in Tehran*; Naomi Shihab Nye, poet; James Parker, CEO of Southwest Airlines; Samantha Power, author of *A Problem from Hell: America and the Age of Genocide*; and Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. Some talks can be viewed online at [www.bc.edu/frontrow](http://www.bc.edu/frontrow).

## IT'S ECONOMIC

In a December ranking of economics departments at U.S. universities published in the *Journal of the European Economic Association*, Boston College's department was ranked 24, a marked rise from the 35th place it held in a similar 1998 ranking. Six BC faculty members were named to an accompanying list of the top 500 economists worldwide.

## BUDGET 2005

The Board of Trustees approved a 6 percent increase in tuition for the 2004–05 year at its February 6 meeting, raising it to \$28,940. Financial aid was increased by 6.7 percent to \$88.4 million. The University's operating budget for the coming fiscal year was approved at \$576.9 million, a 7.6 percent increase.

## DEATHS

- Reginald Alleyne, visiting BC law professor since 1996, on March 28, at age 71.
- Paul DaCosta, Campus School student since 1993, and son of custodial department staff Manuel and Maria DaCosta, on April 16, at age 21.
- Einar Paul Robsham, Sr., M.Ed.'83, BC trustee from 1985 to 1992 and trustee associate since 1993, on February 22, at age 75.
- Sylvia G. Kandler, secretary for the human resources and BC police departments from 1975 to 1997, on March 25, at age 74.
- Rabbi David Neiman, BC theology professor from 1966 to 1991, on February 22, at age 82.

For more news briefs, go to [www.bc.edu/bcm](http://www.bc.edu/bcm).

# THE GIFT

## Kia Rozier's senior recital

When Kia Rozier died suddenly of a respiratory ailment at St. Elizabeth's hospital in the middle of an October night, she was 21 years old, a senior music major, and a classical string player sufficiently gifted that she was awarded the principal viola seat in the BC Symphony Orchestra as a freshman. She was also a resident of Mod 12A, where, according to reliable reports, she uncannily exercised the responsibilities and authorities of earth mother, wry television critic, sensitive soul, and model student (already ill, she went to take a test before heading for the hospital emergency room on the last day of her life). And all the while she gracefully and slyly belied her purposefulness and her belief that the world was a serious place by claiming the phrase "You know *me*; I'm a good time" as her aw-shucks credo.

On the evening of April 4, 2004, close to the day when Ms. Rozier would have performed her required senior recital, 17 orchestra members, including two of her roommates in Mod 12A (one of whom was my cellist daughter, Sara '04), gave Kia's recital in Kia's name, in the room in which it would have been performed—Gasson 100—and for the very audience that would have attended, a crowd that included her teachers, her many friends, her fiancé, her parents—Sterling and Bernetta Rozier, of Lakewood, New



Rozier, 1981–2003

Jersey—and Jamaal Rozier, the oldest of Kia's three brothers. Mrs. Rozier, whom Kia resembled, wore a pendant gold locket at her throat that framed a tiny photograph of her only daughter taken at Kia's high school graduation. Mr. Rozier, a tall, thin, dignified man in a light brown suit, took photographs of the musicians and occasionally drew the back of

his hand over his cheek. Jamaal, a strongly built young man in a baseball cap and Stefan Marbury jersey, sat down as soon as he entered the room, as though he had suddenly lost his legs, and bent forward, his cap low over his face, his open hands covering his eyes.

The program, titled "For Kia: A Concert in Celebration and Memory," was drawn from



chamber music Ms. Rozier had played at BC. It was orthodox material: the opening movement from the Schubert C Major Quintet; a cheerful slice of a Mozart clarinet quintet; Beethoven's "Ghost" Trio, in which music professor Jeremiah McGrann, who was Kia's faculty advisor, played the eerie piano part. Between musical numbers, friends of Kia stepped to the front of the room and read poems such as Byron's "She Walks In Beauty."

In an interview shortly after Ms. Rozier died, John Finney, the director of the BC Symphony, had called her "radiant, shining, brilliant, gentle." The recital reflected a similar spirit: intensely lyrical, with the young musicians in bright informal clothes (and not their customary "blacks"), playing not from a stage but from the floor, and with no dressing room but a section of

seats near the east wall that they filled with their jackets, instrument cases, and swollen backpacks. There, those who weren't taking a turn playing sat listening to those who were.

The printed program the students had devised featured a brief tribute to Ms. Rozier written by Patrick Mercer, her fiancé and a college student in New Jersey, its references to Kia drifting hauntingly back and forth between past and present. A photo of Kia on the cover was clearly in the present tense. In a black dress that shows off the curve of her shoulders, she is beaming, robust, beautiful, with large, strong hands raising her fiddle and bow in front of her. She seems whole and certain in the photograph, which is how she seemed when I watched her play during orchestra concerts, a firm and steady pulse at the

center of the swaying, sawing action all around her.

The recital concluded with four young women, Sara among them, playing the slow, circling conclusion to the third movement from Beethoven's late String Quartet in A Minor. It's a piece of music that has acquired the name "Holy Song of Thanksgiving" because Beethoven described its melody as a hymn he composed in gratitude for his recovery from a serious illness. It begins with a series of slow, unison chords, like human steps, before the five-note melody takes off and soars and dives, soars and dives, returning briefly to earth at the very end with another set of unison chords, before it takes off again. And then the music stops. The musicians sat what seemed a long time with their arms up and their bows on their strings. And then they

lowered their bows, and then applause, and they went off to join the other musicians at the side of the room, and their chairs were empty and the room silent. Here and there people cleared throats, wiped tears with fingers, with Kleenex. Mr. Rozier was bent forward, his arms resting on his knees, his head bowed low.

Twenty-three seconds of silence passed—I checked the interval on a tape recording of the recital—and then Jeremiah McGrann's voice getting louder as he approached the microphone from the back of the room: "We wondered what was going to happen at the end of that." A nervous laugh from the audience. And then he said, turning to Kia's family, "This is our gift to the Roziers and to Patrick and to all of you who knew Kia; and if you didn't know Kia, it's a gift anyway."

*Ben Birnbaum*

CARY WAYNE GILBERT



**NOBEL INTENTIONS**—Postdoctoral fellow Zeynel Bayindir (center) presents his research on the "fabrication of microdevices using multiphoton absorption polymerization" to physics Nobel laureate David Lee (right). Sung-Ho Jo (left), also a postdoctoral fellow in Boston College's physics department, looks on. The poster session was part of a two-day workshop sponsored by the department's new Novel Electronic Materials Center. Lee, a professor at Cornell, shared the 1996 Nobel Prize with two colleagues for discovering superfluidity in helium-3. He spoke at the BC center's inaugural workshop, held March 19–20 in newly renovated Higgins Hall.

# MASTER CLASS

Behind the front page

## CLASSNOTES

### CLASS

Communication 223:  
"Advanced Journalism:  
The Editorial Process"

### INSTRUCTOR

Adjunct professor of  
communication Thomas Mulvoy

### READINGS

*The Elements of Journalism:  
What Newspapers Should Know  
and the Public Should Expect*, by  
Bill Kovach and Tom Rosenstiel;  
*The Boston Globe*; *The Boston  
Herald*; *The New York Times*

Thomas Mulvoy '64 was 23 years old when he joined the staff of the *Boston Globe* as a junior copy editor in 1966. He advanced, in succession, to overnight news editor, assistant sports editor, night news editor, assistant managing editor, deputy managing editor, and, in 1986, managing editor, third in command in the *Globe* newsroom. Mulvoy stayed in the managing editor's job until he retired in 2000, a period during which the *Globe* won Pulitzers for beat reporting and commentary.

Now, in addition to writing a weekly column for the paper, Mulvoy teaches "Advanced Journalism" at Boston College on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 7:00 P.M. His assignments reflect his experience: a news story, a profile, two or three other brief articles, plus a longer investigative journalism project written and edited by

four-student teams. And his experience informs the way he marks up his students' work. Says Mulvoy, "I edit [their] copy the same as I would if I were sitting at my managing editor's desk at the *Globe*."

Jim O'Sullivan '03, now news editor of the Boston weekly *Dorchester Reporter*, took Mulvoy's class as a junior and likens it to taking "hitting lessons from Ted Williams." Assignments, O'Sullivan recalls, would come back "bloody as hell," covered with comments and proofreader's marks. "If a piece wasn't written with concise language and

the full insight required, he wasn't going to let you off easy," says O'Sullivan. "Any hole in your grammar, in your facts, he'd find." That year, O'Sullivan co-wrote an investigative piece on how BC's communication department was coping with an unprecedented increase in majors. In spring 2004, students teamed up to probe topics including off-campus housing, student advising, the BC television station, diversity on campus, and the possible effects on BC athletics of joining a new athletic conference.

For all of Mulvoy's close

work with a pen, he sees writing as a secondary element of the course. More important is the understanding that he wants undergraduates to gain of how a newspaper is put together—what the components are and ought to be, where they belong, and why. The centerpiece of most class sessions is what Mulvoy calls the news conference, a freewheeling postmortem of the day's newspapers. As managing editor at the *Globe*, he presided over similar exercises twice daily, at 11 A.M. and 3:30 P.M., as part of the planning for the next day's paper.



Mulvoy (hands, with coffee, at right): What's wrong with today's newspaper?

LEE PELLEGRINI



For most of each evening's class, Mulvoy sits behind a table, and the 17 students sit facing him in a semicircle, but for the news conference portion, Mulvoy spreads out the *Globe* (also on occasion the *New York Times*) section by section in the middle of the floor, and he and the students stand around it in an oblong. Sometimes Mulvoy starts with his own quick reaction to the contents and layout of page one, but soon he begins to toss out questions. If need be, he encourages conversation by reminding the class that they're not in any danger of giving a wrong answer. As he puts it, "In the news business, it's all judgment. There isn't any right or wrong." Before long, students open up, and the discussion takes off. Some adapt to the give and take more readily than others, Mulvoy says outside class one day, "but they all have something they want to chew over."

THIS PAST spring, the semester's first news conference comes the day after New Hampshire's Democratic primary election. Page one of the *Globe* has a six-column headline about Massachusetts Senator John Kerry's big win, and a large color photo of the candidate takes up much of the remaining space above the fold. Of five front-page stories, four involve the primary. The fifth reports on a shooting death from the night before; police have released few details so far, but the story raises speculation that road rage was involved. Alongside the story is a color map showing where the incident took place.

Mulvoy starts by asking

how class members first learned of the primary results. The handful who answer cite the Internet or television. Newspapers, as Mulvoy points out often during the first two classes, long ago stopped being the main source of breaking news. Increasingly, he says, the papers give us other things—analysis, detail, entertainment.

The discussion moves on to specifics of the *Globe's* coverage. "If you read [the front page stories], they're all on the same theme," says Mulvoy. "Three of the stories are all about Kerry and what this does to his campaign."

"They have this huge banner headline," a student says in a critical tone. "What if [Kerry is] elected president? What will they do then?" Another student points out that the same quotation from Kerry's victory speech appears in two articles. Even granting that the primary took place in the *Globe's* backyard and that Kerry is from Boston, they seem to be saying, the *Globe* has overplayed the primary. Indeed, Mulvoy implied the same thing earlier, by asking how many in the class actually read all of the paper's coverage, which jumps from page one to the inside of the news section, where it takes up more than five additional pages. Yet now he turns around and reminds the class that the election returns came in just a few hours before the paper went to press. In an ideal world, newspapers would cover each event with focus and concision. But in the real world, the world where the *Globe* and other papers have to operate, you simply do your best. "You have all of four hours to put [the newspaper] together,"

Mulvoy says, "so you're never going to have time to strip out all the redundancies."

Later in the session, the class is leafing through the *Globe's* first section. On page eight, they find a story on the deaths of six U.S. soldiers in Iraq. Why isn't that on page one? Mulvoy asks.

One student surmises that, the war having dragged on through the summer and into winter, the deaths of American soldiers may no longer count as front-page news.

"Is that acceptable to everybody?" Mulvoy asks.

It's a good question, says another student, "especially when you're putting a local shooting on page one, where they had little information on what actually happened."

A third student, noting the *Globe's* liberal reputation, wonders whether putting combat deaths on page one, along with "the story of the primaries, where candidates are calling out Bush on the war," might simply look too partisan.

Mulvoy says, "My point is it ought to be there in some form." During the Vietnam War, he says, then *Globe* editor Thomas Winship insisted that deaths of U.S. troops always be mentioned on page one. "He said, 'I don't care what else happened in the news,'" recalls Mulvoy. "I want people to know what happened in terms of American lives in Vietnam yesterday."

ENGLISH AND history major Jan Wolfe '06 decided to take "Advanced Journalism" after encountering Thomas Mulvoy in the offices of BC's student weekly newspaper, the *Heights*, where Wolfe is associ-

ate news editor and Mulvoy serves as an unofficial advisor. On first meeting Mulvoy, Wolfe recalls, "I told him which story I was working on. Instead of brushing it aside, he wanted to know who I was talking to and how I was going about putting together the article. . . . Even though I had never met him before, he wanted to talk journalism with me. I saw a real passion there."

Because the *Heights* had no official faculty advisor when he started teaching at BC in fall 2001, Mulvoy says, "I thought I could help out with . . . some organization of the paper and maybe some critiquing. I was very much welcome to come by and have done so with each succeeding editor-in-chief." Mulvoy says he's impressed with the *Heights* staffers' maturity. "Many of them put in 30 or 40 hours a week on the paper," he says. "They all cherish the independence they have, and as they go through a year or two of working for the editorial side of the paper, they learn how to report and analyze and take heat for what they are reporting."

Wolfe credits Mulvoy's course with increasing his respect for the challenges of putting out a daily newspaper. And students in the class say they appreciate Mulvoy's insistence that they join him in critiquing the work of the paper that he long served. "That sets a high bar," says Jeff LaBroad '06, a double major in communication and early childhood education. Mulvoy "isn't standing in front of the classroom and telling us what to think," LaBroad says. "He's telling us to think for ourselves."

David Reich

# Safety schools

AMERICA'S NEW RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGN STUDENTS ARE UNDERSTANDABLE.

BUT THE CONSEQUENCES GO BEYOND SECURITY

In what amounts to big business, international students contribute more than \$12 billion to the U.S. economy each year. Yet while other countries have begun soliciting foreign students, and watching their numbers grow, the United States has become an increasingly inhospitable environment for them.

The United States remains by far the largest recipient of foreign students, with 586,000, more than a quarter of the world's total. It attracts more foreign students than its three closest rivals (the United Kingdom, Germany, and France) combined.

A large majority come here from developing and newly industrializing countries, with 55 percent arriving from Asia. The top five countries sending scholars to the United States are India, China, South Korea, Japan, and Taiwan. Iran was once one of the top "sending" countries, but since the downfall of the Shah in 1979, there are virtually no Iranian students here. Indonesia's recent economic troubles, combined with the post-September 11 terrorism attack in Bali, have contributed to the decline in the number of Indonesian students studying in the United States—down 10 percent in the past year. Over the same period, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, both with historically strong academic ties to the United States, have seen declines of 25 percent, and the United Arab Emirates 16 percent. Continued growth in enrollments from some major Asian suppliers, notably India—which in 2001–02 replaced China as the largest sending country—and South Korea, have partially offset these losses.



South Korean student, fingerprinted and photographed at JFK International Airport

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American higher education's place in the world did not change as a result of September 11, yet shifts are evident: While the total number of students attending college outside of their home nations is growing worldwide, increases in foreign-student enrollments in the United States came to a stop in 2002–03.

The implementation of the computer-based tracking program SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System), by the Department of Homeland Security, and the imposition of new fees for students from abroad to

pay for the system have been damaging. Coming to study in the United States has turned into an obstacle course, and prospective students are increasingly leery of stringent, changing, arbitrary, and sometimes inconsistent government regulations regarding visas, requirements for reporting to government agencies, and the like.

In developing countries, and especially in the Islamic world, students describe being treated with disrespect by officials at U.S. embassies. American university administrators report that a significant number of students are being denied visas or are delayed so long that they are unable to study here.

Recent attitude surveys also indicate that students considering studying abroad see the United States as a less safe place to study compared with competitors such as Australia and Britain. But safety concerns do not yet loom large, at least in the absence of additional major terrorist attacks in the United States. And foreign students currently studying in this country report feeling quite safe. Only a small num-



ber of them returned home immediately following September 11, and most of those who fled have since come back to complete their studies.

**KEY COMPETITOR** nations have placed much greater emphasis on attracting foreign students to their universities and see the increased American barriers working to their advantage. Australia is an especially aggressive recruiter, with Britain and New Zealand not far behind. Governments in all three have stimulated an active foreign education policy as a means of reducing local expenditures on higher education.

The changes taking place in Europe are equally important, although in a different direction. As a result of the European Union's Bologna process—aimed at achieving shared standards among universities, including transferable credits—more European students will probably choose to study within the EU, where costs are low. Once the process is fully implemented, which should happen in the next five

years or so, the EU might well turn abroad to lure students from outside Europe, both to earn income and to contribute to EU foreign policy aims.

The United States, for its part, has never had a national approach to international higher education. And now, what policies do exist act as barriers in the name of national security. Moreover, the already scant number of federal scholarships for overseas students declined last year.

Because of the size and excellence of the American academic system, the United States will likely remain a major player in international study. Whether or not it will be able to maintain its competitive edge and leadership is another matter.

*Philip G. Altbach*

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## DATA FILE: REINCARNATION

This summer, the Astroturf on BC's main football field will be replaced. The old synthetic grass will be rolled up and taken away—not to a landfill, but most likely to a high school in the Southwest. Since 2000, when the University joined the Institution Recycling Network, recycling at BC has grown to a scale far beyond bins for empty cans: In 2003 alone, more than 3,200 tons of materials from campus—over two-thirds of this a byproduct of construction—were sold, donated, or processed for reuse.

Below, some of the unexpected places where pieces of the Heights have found new purpose.

WHAT WAS IT?	WHERE WAS IT?	WEIGHT (TONS)	WHERE IS IT NOW?
Office partitions	Carney	4	Residential construction in La Ceiba, Honduras
Desks, chairs, shelving, bookcases, and file cabinets	Carney, McGuinn, Lyons, Campion, Hovey House	23.25	Athol School System, Massachusetts; Portsmouth Christian Academy, New Hampshire; Honduras; Ukraine
Concrete	CLX	578	Roadbeds and culverts in Maine
Lockers	Stuart	1.575	The Cambridge School, Weston, Massachusetts
Wood from scoreboards	Alumni Stadium	4	Mulch across New England
Field and track padding	The Plex	0.57	Keene State College, New Hampshire
Sinks and toilets	Voute, Gabelli, Edmond's	14.87	Decorative paving stone in Maine and New Hampshire

*We gather together*

MEAL

# CLANS

Ever since the small mock-Tudor brick house on Quincy Road became home to the Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life at Boston College in fall 2000, scholars have traipsed through its front door seeking nourishment. Several times a month, historians, theologians, sociologists, and more arrive from the main campus and area universities to lunch with a guest speaker and discuss new research and emerging theory on the jostling that goes on between religion and politics. The food is good—recent catered meals laid out in the house's cozy kitchen have included self-serve platters of roast pork, grilled chicken, fresh salads, and well-prepared vegetables. But the intellectual fare is five-star.

"We see the lunches as an opportunity for guests with important things to say to say them in a short, concise, and conversational way," explains Alan Wolfe, the center's director. "The idea is not to read a formal paper followed by ponderous questions. Nor is it to just sit around and shoot the breeze. We believe that intelligent conversation is the best lunch, along, of course, with the actual lunch we serve."

Political scientists Kay Schlozman (BC) and Sidney Verba (Harvard) once brought to the table the data they'd collected while researching their book, *The Private Roots of Public Action: Gender, Equality, and Political Participation*. Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jack Miles (*God: A Biography*)

spoke without notes on the push of religion in world affairs. BC theologian Lisa Cahill's topic was "Genetics, Religion, and Social Ethics"; Brown University sociologist Lynn Davidman described "unsynagogued" secular Jews.

Lunch and conversation take place in what originally was the house's sunken living room, now walled in as a narrow conference space. At one end is an unused fireplace, set between muted stained glass windows; at the other, affixed to the wall, is a large whiteboard with eraser and markers. Early arrivals—usually between 20 and 30 guests sign up in response to a posting—sit around a long oval table to which has been tacked a maroon skirt. Other guests take seats behind them.

Last February, Denis Lacorne of the Centre d'Études et de Recherches Internationales in Paris chose as his topic "French Perceptions of Religion in America: from Voltaire to Régis Debray." Lacorne began, in English, by noting a French fondness for Puritan stereotypes at the expense of genuine curiosity about U.S. mainstream and evangelical faiths (French opinion during the Monica Lewinsky affair, he said, was "Poor Clinton is a victim of Puritanism"). Midway through the hour and 15 minute meal, the conversation turned to principles: *liberté de conscience* versus "free exercise"—"there is a difference," said BC political scientist Susan Shell. Eventually it wound up in an animated reckon-





Harvard's Lowell Livezey, Boisi Center, March 9, 2004

ing of France's recent effort to ban "conspicuous" religious symbols (including the Muslim head scarf) in schools. "You should have stayed afterward," said Boisi assistant director and sociologist Patricia Chang later—"only French was spoken."

Conversation rarely veers far from plain English at the Boisi lunches, but the discussions do get heady. This past spring, it would have helped to have a working familiarity—as most attendees seemed to—with the Bible, Augustine, Locke, Tocqueville, Niebuhr, Myrdal, Arendt, Gans, Lasch, and Chaves, to name but a few sources referenced. Inevitably, lunch at the Boisi Center yields a to-read list. The gatherings are open to undergraduates and graduate students, and last year an event was designed specifically for them—a description of research opportunities and needs presented by Grove Harris, director of the Pluralism Project at Harvard Divinity School.

**LUNCHES AT THE** Boisi Center serve a switchboard function. When Lowell Livezey, project director of Harvard Divinity's Metropolitan Congregational Studies Program, came to speak last March, he brought with him invitations to the conference he was organizing on "Faith in Boston." And to some extent his talk, aided by maps projected onto the room's pull-down screen, seemed a test run for the upcoming presentation, before a larger audience, of his research on neighborhood churches (e.g., Catholic St. Mark's of Dorchester) and voluntary commuter churches (e.g., non-denominational Grace Chapel of Lexington). "Both generate community—what sociologists call social capital," he said. But neighborhood-based churches are less likely to

be a source of intimate relationships than are megachurches, which strategically form small subgroups defined by interests (child-raising, for instance). "Neighborhood churches are more likely to be multi-ethnic, more likely to enfold at-risk youth. They incorporate diversity because of who is there." In the question and answer session, an exception to Livezey's proposition was raised, namely Orthodox Jewish communities, among whom, it was suggested, "the very fact of religious solidarity prevents the neighborhood from changing."

The last luncheon speaker of the spring was historian David Chappell of the University of Arkansas, on April 28. Chappell

recently published a deep and readable book on the intellectual foundations of the civil rights movement, an exploration of liberal ideas and religious roots entitled *A Stone of Hope: Prophetic Religion and the Death of Jim Crow*. Its tone at times approaches conversational—one enthusiast speaking frankly to his colleagues, taking up their disagreements, relaying the surprises he's discovered and his frustrations ("So far I have been able to track down only one full set of the sermon notes of a segregationist who worked as a full-time pastor"). The same energy permeated the gathering at the Boisi Center, and what transpired was shoptalk of a high order. "I expected to find a holy war," said Chappell, but "white churches fell apart during the civil rights movement. Segregationists had the same problem with them that Martin Luther King had—their neutrality."

Later, in response to an observation from Wolfe on Reinhold Niebuhr's influences on Arthur Schlesinger and King, Chappell replied, "I appreciate your bringing up Niebuhr as an influence. It tells me I have to work harder to show you're wrong." Wolfe responded by offering a "footnote" that he said might actually support Chappell's view.

You've talked about prophetic leaders, said BC political scientist Peter Skerry—what about the black masses? "I think we really don't know what most black people thought," Chappell said. "I am passionately interested in the question. I would really like to know." That prompted a flurry of leads: So-and-so is working on oral traditions at the University of Chicago Divinity School, someone else is studying folk theology, and the conversation continued, well after lunch was formally adjourned.

*Anna Marie Murphy*

INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE  
STUDENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2004

1:00–2:00 P.M.



*Seated, from left: Danqing Hu, Yun Peng, and Dan Wang (China); Suzanne Barrett NC'70 (ADC director); Erdene Doljinbaasan and Batbold Ganhuu (Mongolia); Mauricio Soto (Colombia). Standing, from left: Jennie Thomas (Presidential Scholars Program); Takayuki Namikawa (Japan); Amrish Makwana and Jaspreet Singh (India); Paul Chung (Korea). Uma Chandrika Dam and Alka Arora (India); Bryan Marinelli MA'00 (ADC assistant director); Susan Shea '98 and Devon Reber '01 (Office of International Students and Scholars)*

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THE OCCASION

Young men and women from seven countries help themselves to the buffet, then settle in their seats to discuss the day's assigned topic: family. To help students from abroad practice English and adjust to American culture, the Academic Development Center hosts Friday lunches at its offices in O'Neill Library. Susan Shea of the Office of International Students and Scholars starts off today's gathering with a reading from the journal *U.S. Society and Values*, in which a Jewish-American woman says

American families are "like the weather in China . . . anything and everything." There are some tentative comments on the stereotype of the American family ("three children and a dog, big car, big house, nice yard"). The ice breaks with the passing around of family photos, which spark a round-robin discussion of family structures, cultural differences, and black-sheep relatives.

AMBIENCE

A classroom space, a rectangle of library tables, students sitting elbow to

elbow. Late arrivals take chairs along the wall.

MENU

Wraps, potato chips, fruit salad

REFERENCES

Your grandparents, my nephew, our two cocker spaniels, my mother's brother who married Irish

OVERHEARD

"Is there a point where you can no longer fall in love and your marriage is arranged?" • "We had a buffalo."





STAMMTISCH  
TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2004  
7:00–8:30 P.M.

Front, from left: Julia Issleib (international student, Germany), Colin Donohoe '05. Middle, from left: Lauren Shurtleff '04, Sarah Fox '04, Sascha Rubin '07, Evelyn Ruckstuhl (international student, Switzerland). Back, from left: Taylor Healy '04, Gayle Schmidt '04, Christine Kocheffko '07



#### THE OCCASION

The management at Roggie's New Age Brew & Grille near Cleveland Circle knows the German-speaking BC group comes on Tuesdays and saves them a space. The term "Stammtisch" refers, in fact, to a table in a pub reserved for regulars. The informal weekly gathering is organized by the student-run German Academy, made up mostly of departmental majors. Toward one end of the table, where two native speakers sit, the conversation is primarily in German. At



the other end the talk, in English, touches on foreign films (*Das Experiment*) and living abroad.

#### AMBIENCE

Red Sox-Orioles game on surrounding TVs, patrons on barstools

#### MENU

Mostly international fare: sausage calzone, French toast with syrup, nachos

#### REFERENCES

Professors Eykman, Freudenburg, and Resler; Beethoven, Fulbright

#### OVERHEARD

"Aber, Montag haben wir Easter Ferien." ("But Monday we have Easter vacation.") • "She's going to live with a German boy band on the edge of town."

WOMEN'S ROWING TEAM  
THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2004  
10:10–10:50 A.M.



Front row, seated from left: Katie Rankin '06, Amanda Wood '06, Colleen Hughes '05, Becca Kraus '07. Middle row, seated from left: Karen Hill '07, Claire Arpin '07, Jackie Davison '07, Liz Logan '05, Brianne Moskovitz '04, Lindsay Jansen '05, Lauren Faricy '06, Lauren Ferrara '06. Back row, standing from left: Amanda Bustos '07, Laura Bustos '05, Liz Millar '06, Katie Stal'ken '04, Amy Boyle '05, Kendall Hoekstra '05, Vickie Grasso '07, Aimee Wessel '07 (in white), Kate Donovan '06 (in red), Tess Casey '05, Steph Guertin '04, Lauren McCormick '06

THE OCCASION

Six mornings a week, after two hours on the Charles River, the women's rowing team streams into the nearly empty Lower Campus Dining Hall for breakfast. Today one of them limps in, ice packs taped to her shins. On weekends (and school holidays like today), practice starts late—meaning 7 A.M. rather than 5:45. They refuel efficiently, talking with their mouths full, and are quickly on their way. With double practice today, the team will reconvene in five hours.

AMBIENCE

Long table covered with trays, newspapers, and Nalgene water bottles. Nearby, an employee wipes down tables, singing "Every Day's a New Day."

MENU

Seven servings of home fries, eight omelettes, two hard-boiled eggs, a plate of scrambled eggs, three waffles, two pancakes, two strips of bacon, four apples, three bananas, three bowls of strawberries, a grapefruit, two bowls of cereal, two yogurts, two bagels, two croissants, banana bread, a sugar cookie, and a chocolate doughnut

REFERENCES

Wilson Phillips, Coach Fiske

OVERHEARD

"One of these days I'm going to have a breakdown." • "Do you want to just IM me when you're out of the shower?"







Standing, from front: Professor Timothy Crawford, Lora Krsulich '07, Rita Sabattis MA'00 (Office of Residential Life), Christopher Williams '04, Kevin Wang '07, Lauren Toth '05, Natalia Quirk '04, Ryan Brown '05. Seated, from front: Dan Amato '04, Robert Barbieri '05, Prabhdeep Singh '06, Ben Schupmann '04, Dan Elliot '05

## TABLE TALK

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2004  
NOON-1:45 P.M.

### THE OCCASION

Today's topic is "The Iraq WMD Fiasco: Who Is to Blame? Should We Care?" The lunch, which takes place in the Newton Room of the Lower Campus Dining Hall, is part of a series of faculty-student meals sponsored by UGBC and the Office of Residential Life. Political science professor Timothy Crawford is the guest. By the time Crawford begins his presentation, handing out a chart labeled "politicization," most trays have been pushed aside. Several students take notes.

### AMBIENCE

White tablecloth, three plants, and a buzzing light

### MENU

Fish and clams in several forms, subs, salads, fries, steamed veggies, M&M cookies

### REFERENCES

Donald Rumsfeld, Condoleezza Rice, Saddam Hussein, Joe Lieberman, Monica Lewinsky, John Kerry, Richard Nixon, George Tenet, Chris Matthews, Francis Fukuyama, Seymour Hersh

### OVERHEARD

"The way you get access is by not alienating your political masters." • "Maybe we've gotten a little too comfortable with the idea that our leaders are lying to us."

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## Connell School of Nursing Wins Helene Fuld Health Trust Grant

The William F. Connell School of Nursing has received a \$547,000 grant from the Helene Fuld Health Trust, the nation's largest private foundation devoted exclusively to student nurses and nursing education. Awarded to establish an endowed scholarship for undergraduate nursing students, the Fuld gift is recognition of CSON's outstanding academic program.

At a time when the country is experiencing an unprecedented nursing shortage, funds from the Fuld Trust will enable Boston College to significantly address this chal-

lenge. The endowment also will strengthen the University's effort to attract first generation and minority nursing students for whom the availability of adequate financial aid is critical. Currently, African-American, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American (AHANA) students comprise more than 22 percent of the University's total student body and 15 percent of the Connell School of Nursing's students.

Recognized consistently as one of the nation's premier nursing schools, CSON was once again ranked 19th in the *US News & World Report* 2004

rating of the nation's best graduate schools of nursing.

Founded in 1947, the Connell School of Nursing has been an integral part of the University's baccalaureate programs offered to undergraduates for the past 57 years. In 1958, the school established a master's program and in 1988, a Ph.D. program. More recently, in 2000, the school initiated an MS/Ph.D. program for individuals seeking preparation in both advanced practice nursing and clinical research. While a number of schools of nursing at universities around the country have either closed or

announced that they are closing, Boston College has continued to strengthen its commitment to its nursing program. The Fuld scholarship endowment will help enable Boston College to attract the very best nursing students while expanding the much needed leadership pool of nursing professionals.

With more than \$130 million in assets and an annual grant budget of nearly \$6 million, the Helene Fuld Health Trust's mission is to support and promote the health, welfare, and education of student nurses.

## GIFTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING

In the first of a series of planned gatherings, a group of contributors to Boston College's endowed scholarship funds, and some of the current student recipients of these awards, gathered on campus March 31 for the inaugural Boston College Endowed Scholarship Funds Dinner. A special opportunity for benefactors to meet with scholarship scholars, the evening was hosted by University President William P. Leahy, SJ, and University trustee associate Thomas F. Ryan, Jr. '63. Emphasizing the important role donors play in keeping higher education accessible to qualified students, Ryan told the guests that the donors of endowed scholarship funds are valued partners with the University in the constant effort to close the need gap

for its students. Making this point in a personal way, two scholarship recipients spoke to the assembled guests and expressed their gratitude to the donors. Taking the podium first was Lynch School of Education freshman Michael Normant, recipient of the Edward Tracy Scholarship, a gift of Patricia Tracy '75 and Christopher W. Tomecek '74, in honor of Patricia's father. Nika Daragan, a senior in the College of Arts & Sciences and the Joseph Desmond Scholar, a fund established by Ryan, underscored her appreciation in a special way. She noted that in thinking of a meaningful way to give something back she decided to make a contribution to her Senior Class Gift to help Boston College students coming after her.



Stewardship—Benefactor John H. Davis, P'99, greets the recipient of the Davis Family Scholarship Fund, Kristyn A. Brannigan, LSOE'05, at the Endowed Scholarship Funds Dinner.

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Dear Boston College/Newton College Alumnus:

Commencement represents the end of the academic year and a new beginning for the Class of 2004. We welcome the members of this year's graduating class to the Alumni Association. We encourage the association's newest and most seasoned members alike to log on to the BCAA website at [www.bc.edu/alumni](http://www.bc.edu/alumni) to join the Online Community, register for the career network, find out about the national chapter network or support the BC Fund. The Alumni Association is the point of connection or reconnection for our 140,000 alumni. You are students for a short time but alumni for life, so let the BCAA connect you in real time.

Many of you have no doubt heard the news, announced in April, about the agreement in principle between the University and the Archdiocese of Boston around the purchase of 43 acres of land across Commonwealth Avenue from Lower Campus. Clearly, these are historic times for Boston College and no better time to be more proud of your ties to alma mater.

Thanks to all of you for your enthusiastic response to the Alumni Association's new initiatives. As the BCAA team reflects on the successful local and national outreach over the past year, we are enthusiastic about our vision for the future. We have many new initiatives to launch and we need your involvement, leadership and participation as we extend the program nation-wide.

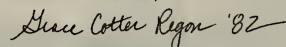
The Church in the 21st Century (C21) initiative continues to provide thoughtful dialogue and discourse on the crisis in the church and the opportunities for reform and renewal. Father Leahy participated in national dialogues in Atlanta, Naples, Chicago, Dallas and Phoenix this spring. The Alumni Association will host a C21 dialogue with Father Leahy during commencement weekend and will continue to provide national and local opportunities for C21 dialogues over the next year. There is a tremendous outpouring of pride and gratitude among our alumni, parents and friends around the leadership role Boston College has played in providing C21 programs within the University setting. For more information about the C21 initiative, please visit [www.bc.edu/church21](http://www.bc.edu/church21).

We are grateful to the BCAA national board of directors for its commitment to furthering the mission of Boston College. Christopher "Kip" Doran '68 will begin his tenure as board president on July 1, 2004. Thank you to outgoing president John J. Griffin, Jr. '65 for his leadership and special thanks to Jack Joyce '61, MBA '70, chair of the council of past presidents. At the same time as we acknowledge the outgoing members of the board for their commitment to furthering the mission of Boston College, we congratulate and welcome the board candidates and new members. We would also like to thank the board committee chairs for their leadership: Susan Power Gallagher NC '69, spirituality committee chair; Mary Pasciucco NC '75, classes committee chair; Ken Pierce '79, chapter committee chair; Brian Kickham '79, nominating committee chair; and William Dorcena '95, outreach chair.

Kudos to Second Helping Gala co-chairs Pat McNabb Evans '74 and Jim Evans '76 and the entire Second Helping team on a wonderful event in April. For the past 16 years, the Boston College Alumni Association has worked with The Greater Boston Food Bank to fight hunger in the Boston area through the Second Helping program. Each year this program provides the hungry with nearly 184,000 meals. This year's gala took place at Gillette Stadium and was a tremendous success.

We hope that you continue to participate in the many Boston College traditions – old and new. Fan Fest will kick off the season at the opening game as the Eagles face Penn State on September 11, 2004. Mark your fall calendars for the Alumni Achievement Awards Ceremony at Robsham Theater on September 30, 2004. Have a wonderful summer.

Ever to excel,



Grace Cotter Regan '82  
Executive Director



## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CLASS NOTES

### 2004 Alumni Achievement Awards

The Alumni Association is pleased to continue this year its tradition of honoring distinguished graduates at the Alumni Achievement Awards Ceremony. This year's ceremony will be held on Thursday, September 30, 2004, at 7 p.m. at Robsham Theater. All alumni and friends are invited to join us as we recognize the outstanding accomplishments of 10 distinguished alumni. A complimentary reception immediately following the ceremony will be held in the Heights Room. Please call 800-669-8430 to make a reservation.

#### 2004 Alumni Achievement Award Recipients

Arts and Humanities: Joseph Connors '66

Commerce: Richard Syron '66, HON '89

Education: James R. Powers '33, MA '34

Health: Judith Krauss '68

Law: Lauren Stiller Rikleen JD '79

Public Service: Matthew Vossler '84

Religion: Fr. Gregory Ramkissoon '81, MA '82

Science: Daniel Downey '70, MS '76

Young Alumni Award of Excellence: Elisabeth Hasselbeck '99

William V. McKenney Award: Fr. Nicholas Sannella '67

Visit [www.bc.edu/alumniawards](http://www.bc.edu/alumniawards) to nominate an alumna/us for the 2005 Alumni Achievement Awards

To My Fellow Alumni:

As the end of my term as president of the Boston College Alumni Association draws to a close, I look back on this year with the fondest of memories and warmest of thoughts. It has truly been a wonderful experience and pleasure to serve as president. Working with Grace Cotter Regan '82 and the wonderful alums who serve as officers and directors of the Alumni Association has been an exceptionally wonderful experience.

However, as I look back, the alumni should look forward. Kip Doran '68 will take over as president on July 1. Kip has been a hard-working and dedicated member of the alumni board and has served in every conceivable office of the Alumni Association. Kip will be a great president. Welcome him with your complete support.

Please become or stay involved in the Alumni Association and Boston College. The new chapter program under the leadership of Jack Moynihan is off to a terrific start and will provide opportunities to get involved with the association wherever you might reside. Always remember Boston College.

Finally, on an extremely personal note, I cannot end the year without mentioning my father, John J. Griffin '35. My dad served as president of the Alumni Association in 1956-57 at a time when it was the major source of support for a small but growing Catholic commuter college. May we never forget the contributions of a generation of Boston College grads who may not have had much but laid the foundation of what Boston College has become. Words are not sufficient to express how deeply honored I have been to serve as the first president of the Alumni Association whose father also held the office.



In closing, I wish to welcome and congratulate Kip Doran and wish you all a healthy and happy summer.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John J. Griffin, Jr.".

John J. Griffin, Jr.  
President, Boston College Alumni Association

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Not long after his 95th birthday, **James Regan** passed away on September 2, 2003. He was a great BC fan. One of his greatest joys of recent years was to attend a BC game with his friend, neighbor and fellow alum, Dave Boudreau, at the age of 94, and have his picture on the big screen. \* **Edward D. O'Brien**, of Chelmsford and formally of Cambridge and Green Harbor, died at the age of 97 on October 25, 2003, at his home. He was the widower of Mildred C. (O'Donnell) O'Brien. Edward was an alumnus of Boston College football. He taught at Cambridge High and Latin for 43 years. He is survived by his four daughters, 18 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

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## REUNION YEAR

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Msgr. **James I. McNiff** died in Albuquerque, NM. James was born on June 28, 1910, and would have celebrated 68 years as a priest on February 16, 2004. He is buried in the Garden of the Good Shepherd at the Gate of Heaven cemetery in northeast Albuquerque.

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**Eleanor W. O'Malley** passed away on August 23, 2003, at the age of 90. She was the wife of **Stephen L. O'Malley**.

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**James Powers** was recently honored by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for his lifetime of service to the community, especially in the arts. For nearly 60 years, he has served the Boston Civic Symphony with distinction in many roles, as performing violinist, director, president and chairman.

'34

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As I write this summary I was told that **Morris Joyce** passed away at the ripe old age

of 92. His brother **William** is a fellow classmate of ours and had to leave his winter residence to attend the funeral. \* By the time you read this column our 70th reunion will have come and gone. A report of what actually transpired will be set forth by me in the next quarterly publication. On February 16, 2004, we lost **Thomas H. Fadden**. The obituary relates that he is survived by six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. \* These obituaries are coming along with alarming succession. \* On the bright side I attended the installation at West Point of the new officers of the MOLLUS (MOLLUS is a hereditary society of the officer corps in the Civil War). The American Ireland Fund has notified me that I am a member emeritus. \* **Msgr. William P. Sullivan**, who resides at the Regina Cleary residence, sent an overview of an article that he wrote named "The Spirituality of Stillness." Anyone who wants a copy can get it on his website, <http://users.starpower.net/markpsullivan>. \* As a result of the letters that were sent out, **Mrs. Alice G. Melia-McCullen** ('72) advised me that her father, **Martin F. Melia**, passed away on October 13, 2003, leaving 22 grandchildren. He was 93 years old. Alice's brother graduated from the class of 1970. Martin's daughter said his motto was always "God is good." \* **Charles E. Anadore** is still active as the pastor of St. Agatha's in Milton. \* **Rev. John F. Caulfield** is retired and living in St. Mary's Hall. \* Now let me know if you have any news for the next publication. \* In conclusion I might say that **William Hogan**, our hockey star of 1933, and I share the same dentist. It is interesting to learn that he still plays 18 holes of golf at Winchester Country Club.

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## REUNION YEAR

Notes on heroic deeds by fellow classmates and adventures of our world-traveling volleyball team will have to wait. We have sad and headline news – **Dan Holland**, our leader, has died. His death leaves a huge void in our ranks. Dan was a real take-charge guy who would gravitate to the top in any organization. Among other things, he took seriously his duty of bringing the condolences of the class to families of classmates who died. It is a strange coincidence that he followed so closely on the death of his best friend, **Jack Murphy**, whose obituary he insisted on writing – three handwritten pages on long, yellow lined paper. Part of it appeared in our last report; the final two paragraphs appear below. Dan's outstanding characteristics were courage and loyalty. Courage? We remember Dan as a candidate for the freshman football team, scrimmaging against guys twice his size, and we had worried in recent days about the courage it took to ignore his multiple disabilities and drive a car with confidence. As for his loyalty, it was amply displayed in his

relations with Boston College. Not only was he generous with donations but he was very happy to send his children there and so proud of their accomplishments. His devotion to alma mater was recognized and he was awarded just about every honor the college gives. Among these were the Award of Excellence in Public Service in 1982; Outstanding Alumnus in 1985; and the highest honor of the Law School, the Founders' Medal, in 1998. The **Daniel G. Holland Lifetime Achievement Award** was established in his honor in 1993. The final paragraphs of Dan's obituary for his friend **Jack Murphy** are as follows: "During Jack's business career, he was prominently identified in Sacramento, CA, with political leadership and was named Mr. Democrat. He was also a part of civic and charitable leadership. He served as commander of his American Legion Post, president of the Rotary Club and chairman of the board of Catholic Charities. Jack will be missed by all who came within the warmth of his friendship. May he rest in peace." \* We also regret to report the death on December 12, 2003, of **John Magee**. John received his MS from the University of Massachusetts and his PhD from the University of Connecticut. He served as the principal of the **Ralph C. Mahar Regional School** in Orange before becoming a senior supervisor in the Massachusetts Department of Education. He subsequently taught at **Worcester State College** until retiring in 1971.

'36

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Last year I had a pleasant exchange of correspondence with **Frank Delear**. In one of his letters he mentioned about his English and Classic courses with **Fr. Sid Smith**, recalling "his insights and discipline, tempered by his humor and easy smile." I told Frank I too remembered **Fr. Smith** – but to each his own! **Frank** and **Marion** are still living in **Centerville** and enjoying life and **Frank** is still writing. \* I had a nice letter at Christmas time from **Dan Courtney** and his daughter, **Maureen McGaffigan**. Enclosed was a photo of **Dan** at the wedding of his grandson, **Jim**. \* I am very sorry to have to report the death of **Mary Shea**, widow of our late classmate **Brendon Shea**. **Mary** died in late January. Bad weather prevented **Mary** and me from attending the wake but we were able to go to the funeral Mass. **Mary** was a great BC fan and a big help in our class events. It seemed appropriate that as the funeral left the church the music was "On Eagles' Wings." Please remember her in your prayers. \* Sorry to have to report the death in March of **Irene Ready**, wife of our late classmate **Tim Ready**. She was a rabid BC fan following **Tim's** athletic career at BC. They were always at our class luncheons and we all enjoyed their company. Please remember the **Ready** family in your prayers. \* I'm looking for help. **Tom**



O'Brien of Arlington called hoping I could find photographs of the 1932 freshman football team. Tom, who left after sophomore year and returned a few years later to get his degree, was a member of that team. So if anybody, especially members of the team, has any pictures of the '32 freshman team, let me know and I'll arrange to get copies to Tim.

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We regret to report the death at the age of 86 of Joseph Horne of West Roxbury. A longtime attorney, Joseph played baseball for BC, batting over .400 in his senior year. After graduation, he played in the minor leagues for the Park and Cape Cod leagues and made the All Cape Team from Barnstable in 1939. He gave up baseball to attend Boston College Law School and then launched a 35-year career as an attorney with the Employers and Commercial Union Insurance companies. He specialized in automobile insurance claims. He leaves his wife, Domenica, four children and three grandchildren.

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Greetings! I'm writing these notes on March 2, 2004, and, surprisingly enough, there's a strong sense of spring in the air – at least for today. This good news previsions the other good news with which we start this column. Thankfully, my recent plea for help has not gone unanswered. Saul Davis was quick to come to the rescue. Indeed, he was so concerned that he "wrote a book" for me, a book entitled *The History of Man (sort of) From Adam to Atom* (1st Books Publisher). Of course, now that Saul is retired from his medical practice and may need to give a break to the golf courses, his next literary assignment could be *The History of Women (sort of) From Eve to You Name Her*. Many thanks, Saul, and continued good health and happiness. And there's more good news. \* Nelson Erickson responded to my plea by updating us regarding the successful careers of his children and grandchildren and his hopes to hear from some old friends and classmates. His letters and telephone calls from Paul Keane and Peter Kerr help to keep me more or less up to date. \* Unfortunately, we have learned of the recent death of two more classmates. A letter from Hugh Maguire ('75) notified us of the death in Reinbeck, NY, of his father, H. Thomas Maguire. Tom, a longtime Lynn resident and US Navy veteran, had enjoyed a distinguished career as a newspaper reporter and editor in Haverhill, Lynn, Boston and New York City. Our sympathy and prayers go

to his children and grandchildren. Further sad news must also be reported, viz. the death of one of the more active of our alumni classmates, Paul Needham of Walpole. Paul was active in sports and student organizations during our college days and later served in the US Navy Reserve as a lieutenant commander and as a longtime administrator in the Boston office of the US Postal Service. He will be sorely missed at our alumni reunions. Our sympathy and prayers go to his wife, Catherine, and to his five children, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. \* To end these notes on a comforting note let us remember that we must continue to do our aged best to help the Church and the world at large. One final generational note: Somewhere I came across the description of our generation as Catechism Catholics, our children (the Baby Boomers) as Council Catholics and our grandchildren as Christian/Crisis Catholics. What do you think? Peace.

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#### REUNION YEAR

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First of all, let me express my regrets for the missing submission notes from our last publication due to some serious illness of family members. However, I maintain contact with President Nick Sottile. Nick has recovered well from his illness and is very concerned for the health and welfare of all class members and their families. He is the number one fan of all BC sport activities, along with his sister, Mary, who due to their closeness is considered an honorable member of our class. Nick advised that our annual class Mass was held on June 9, 2004, at Trinity Chapel on the Newton Campus. Bishop Joe Maguire was the celebrant. Joe is our favorite, loved by his classmates and all who know him. He shall always be my cardinal. \* John Colahan has always been a great contributor to every class function and is always on hand for discussion and participation in any activity. \* Jack Kehoe has had some health problems that have limited his activity in our functions and he sends his regards to all. \* Departed classmates Len Frisoli and George Hanlon, both former FBI agents of outstanding ability and performance of duties, are sorely missed in the security field after their FBI retirement. They were well recalled and remembered at the annual FBI Mass for departed members. Testimonials were received from all over the country. \* Dave Merrick is a regular caller from Florida and advises that he and his lovely wife are well and miss their many friendships. Dave's enthusiasm and loyalty are great assets and he sends greetings to all.

\* Many of us have inquired over the years about classmate John Connaughton. I received a recent letter from John's sister, Mrs. John F. Mitchell, Jr., whose husband is BC Class of 1942. She advised that John was a navy pilot for over 20 years and then had a long career with the FAA. He is experiencing health problems and I think correspondence of some kind would be most welcome to him. \* Jim Murray is another great classmate who is always interested in class affairs and the welfare of its members. \* We were also advised that John Bagley had a recent health problem and is recuperating. Our best wishes for him and his family. \* We are pleased to report that Fr. Eugene Brissette had a brand-new athletics center named in his honor at Fairfield Prep High School in Connecticut. \* In addition, if anyone has an extra copy of the 1941 *Sub Turri* yearbook, please contact the Alumni Association at 617-552-4700. \* Our basketball and hockey teams, men's and women's, have been a real credit to Boston College and its traditions. Congrats to the entire teams, coaches and all personnel involved for a most competitive, productive and enjoyable performance. \* Meanwhile, I think back on all of the enjoyable years we had together at BC and what has transpired since those years. Those of us who remain should never forget our departed classmates as I am sure that they are still sitting or standing near us praying for our welfare and health and that God is with us. Blessings to all.

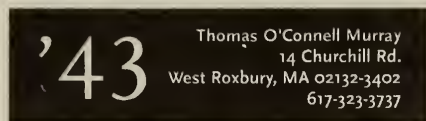
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My youngest daughter, Joanne, who received her master's in education at BC, scolded me for not having mentioned the birth of her son, John ("we'll call him Jack"), last July. What can I say? Hopefully BC will be the college of his choice. Right now he is built like a fullback. I have high hopes. \* My most sincere THANKS to John Fitzgerald for his many contributions to this column. It was through John that I learned that James F. Sullivan, a lifelong member of the St. Patrick's Parish in Lawrence, had died on November 24, 2003. For many years, Jim, with the help of daughter Maureen cared for his wife, Mary, who had suffered four strokes. Nevertheless, prior to her death, Jim and Mary spent several winters in Largo, FL. Jim had a successful career with the John Hancock Life Insurance Company, where he rose to the position of manager of sales and underwriting. To his six children, the class extends its sincerest sympathies. He will be among those remembered at our annual memorial Mass in June. \* Also to be remembered is Frank Ready who died on January 4, 2004. Frank entered the priesthood following wartime service in the Marines. He served for many years at St. John's Parish in North Cambridge, the city of his birth. The class,



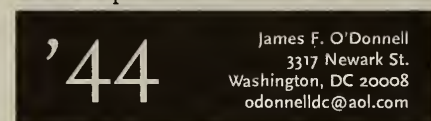
represented by **Charlie Ahern** at the funeral Mass, extends its sincerest sympathies to his brother, John, and to his many nieces and nephews. \* I quote from a note from John Fitzgerald concerning **Fr. Joe Downey** and **Frank Beksha**: "As of January 1, 2004, Joe will be living in a three-room suite" at the Regina Cleri Home. Joe had retired as pastor some "13 years ago" and "has spent the past nine years helping the Little Sisters of the Poor and their 110 residents in Somerville. [...] Frank retired as pastor of St. Edward's in Medfield... but stayed on as priest in residence... and helping at St. Mary's in Franklin... the parishioners are very pleased with his service and help." He was not just a classmate but a lifelong personal friend. \* Joe Horne ('38), a "Triple Eagle," died on December 26, 2003. Joe was an All-Scholastic outfielder and an outstanding left halfback at BC High. In college he concentrated on his studies and continued to excel in baseball. I first met him in 1925 when we both served as altar boys at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in the South End. May he rest in peace. \* Congratulations to Coach Tom O'Brien and the football squad for their bowl victory over Colorado State. Congratulations also to the Beanpot champion men's hockey team, the men's basketball team and the women's basketball team. All are very highly rated. \* **Connie Pappas-Jameson** has left the nursing home in Brookline and returned to his home in Jamaica Plain. A card, note or visit would make his spirits soar since he is pretty much alone. \* By the time this is received or very soon thereafter, notices will be received regarding our annual memorial Mass. Hopefully, as appears to be the preference of the majority, the Mass will be at St. Mary's followed by breakfast in the Tower Building. Your help in listing deceased members will be greatly appreciated. \* And now, with a broken heart, I report the death of my dear wife, Helen. She died on February 21, 2004, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital where many years ago she became a registered nurse, and where she bore our six children. I am extremely grateful to the many, many classmates who paid their respects at her wake, attended her funeral Mass or sent wonderful expressions

of sympathy. I have tried to acknowledge each individually. If you have not received a "thank you" note, please understand, and please accept these "notes" as an expression of my sincere "thanks."



It is with great regret and much sadness that we must report the deaths of nine classmates. First, condolences go to the family of **Elmo Bregoli** who died on July 22, 2003. We thank **Lou Diegoli** for this data. Elmo worked in Bapst Library (along with Tom Murray), served in the Navy and later became principal of Temple City High School in California. \* Second, condolences to Violet and the family of **Tom Meehan** who died on November 9, 2003. Tom was a member of the Newbury Street CBA and a star pupil of Mr. Drummey. He served in the Navy, later earned his law degree as well as a CPA certificate and became a vice president of the Pennsylvania railroad. We thank Gerry Armitage ('42) for the obit note. (An aside: While Tom was serving as the skipper of an aircraft rescue boat, he met with Tom Murray whose destroyer was escorting the wounded USS Hancock and came aboard for ice cream!) \* Third, condolences go to Catherine and the family of **Frank Lind** who died on December 2, 2003. Frank was a real estate developer and involved in urban renewal building. We thank **Sam** and **Eleanor Church** for giving the obit notice. \* Fourth, condolences to Barbara and the family of **Jim Connolly** who died on December 8, 2003. A native of Waltham, Jim was one of the Marine group who left us early and was later owner of Super Tire Co. and a financial advisor. Well-known for his dancing, Jim was the life of the party at many reunions. We thank Len Matthews ('54) for the copy of the obit notice. \* Fifth, condolences to Constance and the family of **John Acton** who died on December 27, 2003. John was a Pacific Navy vet, earned his LLB at BC Law and practiced in the town of Framingham for many years. \* Sixth, our condolences go to Kay and the family of **Ed McGilvery** who died in Milton on January 7, 2004. Ed left us early with the Marine group and was wounded in Peleliu where he won the Silver Star. He later worked in sales and was a great golfer, serving as a member of the board of governors for the Wollaston Golf Club. \* Seventh, our condolences go to Margaret and the family of **Sabino Rizzo** who died on January 11, 2004, in Hyannis. He got his MD from Tufts, had duty with the Army in Korea and later spent most of his career as a radiologist at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York before moving to the Cape on retirement. \* Eighth, condolences to the family of **Bill McGrath** who died in Brockton on January 22, 2004, and whose wife, Rosamond, died in '96. A Navy vet, he was the skipper of LST 741 in the Pacific. He

later earned his MED and worked for the Commonwealth in the Department of Employment Security and Mental Health. \* Ninth, our condolences to the family of **Dave Folan** who died on February 6, 2004, in Woburn after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. Dave earned his MD at Tufts and later served in the Navy aboard the USS Grand Canyon. He was a dermatologist, teacher at Tufts and consultant at Brighton Marine Hospital for many years. \* And now some other news: The International Biographical Center in Cambridge, England, has named **Bernie Henken** International Scientist for 2003, as well as Health Professional of 2003. Our congratulations to Bernie. \* We have heard that **Clair** and **Ed Callahan** have moved to Los Altos, CA, and would welcome word from classmates. Please contact me for their address. \* News from Cape Cod tells us that **Herman Vorel** is feeling fine after open-heart surgery a year ago and is "breathing like a teenager." \* Please keep in touch.



By the time this issue reaches our '44 classmates, many of them, together with widows and family members of classmates, will be savoring their own memories of attending the 60th reunion of our War Years Class. Today I am still anticipating the historic 60th, the war greetings to be exchanged, listening to "sea stories" and the agenda's "show and tell" – all tickling memories of legendary Eagle teams, intramural competitors, striving scholars, prospective business and academic leaders, physicians and attorneys, as well as students who stepped up to serve in the priesthood, all branches of the military and the post-war occupations of Europe and Japan. We will also relish our memories of the advent of a "New Boston" and a new Boston College-Beside-the-Reservoir and on the Heights, showcasing over 100 buildings as of 1994. With notebook in hand and questions for returning classmates, for future Class of '44 notes, I hope to capture a few gems of chatter and humor from all hands. Up front, I want to thank the Reunion Committee for carrying the ball, spearheaded by **Fr. Bill McInnes, SJ**, and **Fr. Joe Alves, Joe Delaney, John Duggan, John O'Grady, Leo Wilson, Don White, Bob Foley, Bob O'Leary, Jerry Coleman**, et al. Please send me a note or e-mail with input on what may have been overlooked at the 60th, including the names of classmates and wives you missed in June. Even if you missed this reunion, contact me with a message you would share in this column regarding your memories of BC in the 1940s compared with its rambling campuses and expanding academic leadership in this new century.

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# REUNION YEAR

Because of people traveling and going to Florida, this time of the year my notes are usually very light. I am just writing these having attended a program at BC called Finance Conference 2004: Wealth at Work in the 21st Century. By the time you receive these notes you may have read about this outstanding program, but for those who did not read about it, I will summarize it for you. This program was presented by President William Leahy, SJ, and the Wallace E. Carroll School of Management in conjunction with US Representative Edward J. Markey. This is the fourth conference in the series, with each one focusing on a different subject. Ed Markey ('68, JD '72) was the master of ceremonies. Jerry Yang, cofounder and chief of Yahoo Inc., gave the first keynote address. The first panel consisted of Patricia Russo, chairman and CEO of Lucent Technologies, and Craig O. McCaw, chairman and CEO of Eagle River Investments, LLC. The moderator was Tyler Mathisen, anchor of CNBC. They had an excellent discussion about technological innovations of tomorrow. Brian Roberts, president and CEO of Comcast Corp., gave the next keynote address, followed by a panel discussion of globalization and what it means for trade and jobs with John Sweeney, president of the AFL-CIO, and Thomas J. Donohue, president of the US Chamber of Commerce. The next event was a surprise when Father Leahy presented Alan Greenspan, who then addressed the large audience, speaking about trade. He said that he felt the way to address dislocation of jobs, goods and services across borders was to expand access to education as well as pursue policies that open additional global markets. This conference should continue to tell the country what BC is all about, "Ever to Excel." \* Paul Paget chaired another memorial 1945 class Mass with a luncheon in the Tower Building on June 8, 2004. John McGowan's wife is doing fine after open-heart surgery. I have not heard of any other medical problems so I assume that all is well. Peg and Bud Curry are no longer going to Florida but are

staying home in Winchester. I know that Bill Hamrock and Charles McCready are still in Naples, FL, and Bill Cornyn is in Sun City. Dave Hern continues to play tennis and once in a while joins my tennis group in Dedham. \* The sympathy of the class is extended to Dick Broggi on the death of his sister, Eleanor Foley, who is the mother of Anne DeFilippo, the wife of Gene, the athletic director of BC. \* Lillian and I are off to Baltimore to see our grandson, Lou III, play lacrosse at Loyola University. Hopefully we shall start our "legend" golf tournaments sometime in May when Bill Cornyn gets back from Florida. Until then, good health to all and a safe trip home.

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In our Jesuit tradition of service to others, several classmates are involved in the following ministries or social programs: (1) Society of St. Vincent de Paul, an international Catholic organization of lay persons. No work of charity is foreign to the society. Several classmates are active in this demanding work. (2) Eucharistic ministers: Many of our classmates are involved in this ministry at churches, hospitals and nursing homes around the country. (3) Educational programs: One of our classmates is a distinguished lecturer at the Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR) at BC. Several classmates have attended these lectures and found them extremely valuable. For more information about the ILR programs, please contact the ILR office at 617-552-2950. \* Fr. Angelo Loscocco has retired as of last February after a distinguished career as pastor of St. Lucy's parish in Methuen. In February he observed the 51st anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. He has been granted senior priest/retirement status. His Italian heritage helped endear him readily to his many Italian and American friends. Among his brother priests he is admired for his reputation as a gentleman and his quiet sense of humor. *Ad multos annos.* \* Bill O'Meara and his wife, Norma, have sold their house in Massachusetts and are now renting a house in Tallahassee, FL, where two sons and five grandchildren live. The change of address should occur around the end of June '04. \* George Savage and his wife, Danuta, were present at the class' 55th reunion and won the "longest distance to get there prize" which was the fine book *History of Boston College*. They are looking forward to driving the 1,600 miles from Naples to Chestnut Hill to attend our 60th reunion! \* Several of our classmates

have joined the snowbirds in Florida. Among them are Jim and Jeanne Costello and Bill and Irene Melville. \* George Waters became a eucharistic minister at the Immaculate Conception Church in November 1990. He served in this capacity until a month prior to his death in June 2003. George was very dedicated to his family as well as his Catholic faith. His wife has been ill and George took care of all of her needs. All of us who have served with George in the eucharistic ministry will miss him greatly.

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It has been a while since I last penned these notes. The football season was in full swing and, as I write this, the basketball and hockey teams are practicing for post-season bids. The women's and men's teams in basketball are on their way. We wish them all the luck in the world. \* I received a Christmas letter from Wally Burgess, our correspondent in Guam, and all is well. His wife fell and broke several bones in her upper left arm but, at our age, that is par for the course. \* John Hickey called to tell me that Rev. Charles McCoy is in the hospital with a heart problem. Word is that he is coming along fine. Also par for the course. I got mine out of the way several years ago. Charlie, no doubt, is one of the many exceptional members of our class and is still active as pastor of St. Phillip Neri Church in Newton. He is a great athlete, great marine, great man and great priest. Of course, I am a little bit biased. \* Frank Browne, a loyal '49er, wrote to tell me of the passing of his wife, Jane, last year after a long illness. Frank and Jane attended all of the functions that the class held over the years. Frank was big in the Knights of Columbus, a former grand knight and district deputy of the Jamaica Plain Knights of Columbus. He is a retired school administrator in the Boston schools. Our deepest sympathies go out to Frank. \* As I write this, I am planning on seeing many of you on Sunday, March 21, at St. Ignatius Church at the 53rd annual celebration of Laetare Sunday. President William P. Leahy, SJ, will preside over Mass at 2 p.m. \* Peter Rogerson checked in from Naples, FL, to fill me in on the Broadway musical "Anything Goes" which was presented at the Robsham Theater in the spring. The class planned to attend. \* Frank McGau called to let me know his wife, Mary, passed away on January 16. Frank is blind with macular degeneration and unable to drive, but he has his family nearby. Thank God for family. \* Our 55th reunion is fast approaching. It should be a great time! \* I received a call from the widow of Robert R. Beauchemin to inform me of his passing. Robert was one of the few classmates who came to us from out of New England (Michigan). He died at age 80 and left nine children. He had a great sense of humor. With nine children, you better have a sense of humor. He died with his family around him. The only way to go!

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## REUNION YEAR

By the time you read this, I will have gone with the Veterans of the Battle of the Bugle (known as V.O.B.O.B.) to Washington, DC, for the dedication of the World War II Memorial on May 25-31, 2004. I stayed at the Fairview Park Marriott Hotel located in Falls Church, VA. Falls Church is where George Washington worshiped when he was at Mount Vernon. The hotel is located 30 miles from National Airport in Washington, DC. Our buses to and from the hotel and the District of Columbia were escorted by the Virginia state police. \* **Bill Horrigan** is already planning for a class event around a football game next fall. \* **John P. Garrahan** of Framingham and Cummaquid died on September 7, 2003, at the Cape Cod Hospital. He was a "Triple Eagle," graduating from BC High in 1946, Boston College in 1950 and Boston College Law School in 1953. He had practiced law in Framingham since 1953 and was a partner in the metro-west practice of Sheridan, Garrahan and Lander, which merged with the Worcester firm Bowditch and Dewey. He was a lecturer in health law at Framingham State College and was very active in the community. His titles include president of the South Middlesex Bar Association, chairman of the board of the Catholic Charitable Bureau of Boston, commissioner of Framingham Public Works and more. He received a distinguished citizen award in 1987 from Algonquin Council of the Boy Scouts, a person of the year award in 1990 from the metro-west unit of the American Cancer Society and the Metro-West Service Award in 2000 from the Greater Framingham Community Church Foundation. John was a Knight of Malta, a Knight of Columbus, and a Framingham town meeting member for 25 years. Besides his wife, Anne, he leaves eight children – five

daughters and three sons. **Ed Brady** told me that John did not play in our 2003 class tournament with his brother-in-law, **Ed Clasby**. On behalf of our entire class, I wish to extend our heart-felt sympathy to John's wife, Anne, and his children. He is already missed by our golf team. \* Please send me material for this column. It is getting to the point where I need class information from you.

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## REUNION YEAR

# '50-'53

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I am sad to report the death of **Mary McManus Frechette** ('50), sister of the late **Madeline** ('52), on December 8, 2003. Mary was devoted to Newton College and an active, enthusiastic participant in alumnae affairs. She lent her support early on to the wonderful cluster reunion we had in 2000 and worked tirelessly for its success. She worked for many years for New England Telephone and enjoyed traveling with her husband, **Al**, who was also a great addition to alumnae affairs. Please remember Mary in your prayers as well as **Al** in his bereavement. \* A wonderful surprise recently was a phone call from **Sis Berry Tietje** ('53) from her home in California. I don't believe I have heard her voice for 50 years! I brought her as up to date as I could, and she told me she has had visits from **Izzy Buckley Donnelly's** ('53) children, and that she sees **Grace Conley Hiney** ('53) from time to time. **Sis** informed me of the death of **Grace's** husband, **Jack**, a while back. I am sorry I did not know of it at the time, but I know you will join with me in sympathy to **Grace** and in the assurance of our prayers. \* I am off to Spain in late April. (I write this a few days after the terrorist attack in Madrid!) Please send news.

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*Erratum: The Alumni Office inadvertently made an error at the end of the last (winter) issue of Class Notes, when it inserted a request that '51 class dues of \$35 be submitted to a Tom Warren. The '51 class does not have a dues-paying membership, nor does it have a Tom Warren.* The new year got off to a better start when classmate **Lennie Ceglarski's** hockey jersey was retired to the rafters at Conte Forum, prior to a BC-BU game. Family, friends and BC brass came to honor the man who had amassed an amazing coaching record of 673-339-27 in 34 years (14 at Clarkson; 20 at BC). A member of the 1948-49 national championship team (which included classmate and All-American forward, **Fran Harrington**),

**Lennie** was twice named National Hockey Coach of the Year (1978, 1985). He entered the US College Hockey Hall of Fame in 1992. As his precocious 11-year-old grandson, **Jack**, gazed up at old Number 10, he asked: "How does it feel to be hanging up there?" Fine, just fine! (Oh, the game – BC beat BU, of course.) \* Peace came to: **Tom Ahearn**. Grew up in Framingham. WWII Navy veteran. Business School, accounting major. Sister **Thecia Cassidy** (Buffalo, NY), School of Nursing. Member of the Sisters of Charity Hospital in Buffalo. **Vin Connors** (Reading). Grew up in Dorchester. WWII Navy veteran. Majored in math. Computer programmer for Rand Corp. and Raytheon (31 years). **Richard Donohoe** (Springfield, VA). Grew up in West Roxbury. Economics major. Korean War Army veteran. Retired after 17 years with GE Information Systems. **Francis Flanagan** (Southbridge). Brookline native. BSBA, marketing major. **Bob Hurley** (Billerica). Raised in Belmont. WWII Navy veteran. Marketing major. **Tom Killion** (Miliani, HI). Grew up in South Boston. Social studies major. Air Force careerist, retired with rank of colonel. **Paul Lauzon** (Pittsfield). Lynn native. WWII Marine Corps veteran. AB and MEd ('54). Thirty-five-year career at GE in marketing and application engineering. **Ed Levin** (Framingham). Grew up in Roxbury. WWII US Air Corps veteran. School of Management, accounting major. **Frank Logue** (Medfield). Raised in Brookline, WWII Navy veteran. BS in economics. Retired after a 35-year insurance career with US Fidelity & Guarantee. **Henry Maznicki** (Clermont, FL). Raised in Warwick, RI. BS in history and government. Four years of football as outstanding defensive back. **Joseph Nally** (Fort Pierce, FL). Grew up in Newton Centre. WWII Marine Corps veteran. BS, psychology major. Member Dramatic Society, Glee Club, Choir. Retired FBI special agent. **Angelo Pappalardo** (Methuen). Grew up in Lawrence. AB in economics. **Al Polito** (Boerne, TX). Grew up in Pittsfield. WWII Navy Veteran. A&S, economics major. **Ron Weyand** (Jackson Heights, NY). Grew up in Quincy. AB with honors, English major. Korean War Army veteran. MFA from Yale ('53). One of the most active undergrads on campus: Dramatic Society. Wrote for *Humanities*, *Stylus*, *Sub Turri* and *The Heights*, where he was a cartoonist, arts editor and associate editor. Occupation: actor, professor of drama, Marymount College. Four years with repertory company at Lincoln Center in New York City. Stage: on and off-Broadway, where he won "OBIE Award for Distinguished Performance." Last movie: Woody Allen's "Shadows and Fog." Last TV: "Lonesome Dove." \* There is an ancient Irish saying: "Work is the yeast that raises the dough!" I am sure there are many of you, like me, who are still trying to "raise the dough." Let me know who you are, and what you are doing.

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It is said that "no news is good news" so I am assuming that things are good with '52 since I have no news. No engagements, marriages, births or incarcerations! I began to reminisce and found a book entitled *Athletics at Boston College*, dated 1943. I thought my grandchildren would be interested to see what BC looked like years ago, so I brought the book to their house. I then realized how many changes have taken place in our lives since the '50s. I showed them a picture of Alumni Field (aka Dust Bowl) when it was situated on the corner of Beacon Street and College Road, where McElroy Commons is now situated. There was a picture of the twin reservoirs, where the "night school" was located. I remember all the football games we attended at Braves Field on Friday nights. Remember the "victory" dances at various Boston hotels – win, lose or tie? When I mentioned Braves Field, I was told the Braves moved from Milwaukee, WI, a long time ago and went to Atlanta, GA! Where was Braves Field, anyway? Remember "Spahn and Sain and pray for rain!" – pitchers who could go nine full innings on five-figure salaries? I told them about all of the hockey games we attended at the Boston arena when BC won its first NCAA hockey championship, and I was asked why I didn't go to Conte Forum, like they do! I mentioned how we thumbed to school in those days and they asked me why I didn't take my father's car – "Dad took yours!" Transportation changed and I told them how we went on dates and took the street car and elevated train at Forest Hills to go to a movie/stage show in Boston. Street car? Elevated train? Stage show? What are you talking about? I went on to explain how we went to the Totem Pole ballroom on Saturday nights. One of them said she knew where that was – "on the way to the Cape, on Route 3, near Plymouth, but it isn't a ballroom, it's a restroom!" By this time I knew I wasn't getting anywhere, and my wife smiled, shook her head and said it was nine o'clock, getting late, and time to go home. Even that changed. I remember when we went out at nine o'clock and now we were going home at nine! I told the kids to turn off the computer and plasma TV and go to bed – things we never had growing up! Isn't it amazing how so many things we enjoyed have changed so much in the short span of 50 years? \* As I was about to sign off, Roger dropped in with some information, so now I have news. Outside, the temperature is zero degrees and I have a bunch of "hello's" from Florida, from Tom Cummiskey who is celebrating his 45th wedding anniversary on a cruise in Panama Canal, Nick Gallinaro, Dick Shuman, Paul Donovan, Frank O'Leary, Peter Genovese, Paul Enos, Vin Greene, Pat Greeley, Paul Lockwood, Dick McLaughlin, Al Sexton, Dick

Ring, Dave Fitzpatrick, Bernie Cullen and Jim Leonard. To them I say "weather is here – wish you were beautiful!" Cape Codders sending greetings were Joe McKenney, Jim Moroney, Paul Smith, Jay Hughes, Alex Morgan, John O'Connor, Phyllis Flaherty, Ed Gullivan, Dick McCabe, George Gallant, Miles Murphy, Paul Woods, Fr. Tom Murray and Bob Allen. New Englanders include Tim Ring, Tom Murphy, Al Casassa, Joe O'Shaughnessy, Bill Doherty, Larry W. Sullivan, Jack Leary, Kirwin MacMillan, Mary Campbell, John Clifford (all New Hampshire), Paul McPherson (Connecticut), Jim Cregan and Joe Carr (Rhode Island). From the West, we heard from Dave Birmingham (Colorado) and Larry Whelan (California). Virginians included Bernie Smith, Bob Gaughan, Bill Killoran, Ken Flynn, John Healy, Walter McDonough and Gerry Beaulieu. "Jersey hello's" from Don Sartor and Ed Joyce. Paul Doucette and Bill Scholz sent greetings from Georgia. John Burke is in Maryland, John Ricci in Wisconsin, Frank Hogan and Larry Vachon in Pennsylvania, Dana Doherty and Jim Nichols in Minnesota, Armen Mesrobian in Illinois, and Bob Ferrol, Charlie Kohaut and Fred Sigda in Indiana. Leo Stankard and Joe Chisholm are in New York and Al Johnson is in South Carolina. Due to space limitation, I will continue with this list in the next issue. \* On a sad side, Marianne Tortola ('72) sent word that her father, Al Pizzi (WCAS), passed away recently at the age of 90. He was from the North End and Waltham. Also, John Kennedy of West Roxbury, whose son Kyran died in a helicopter crash in Iraq, sent a beautiful note to Roger and '52 thanking the class for their thoughtfulness and prayers.

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The 50th anniversary trip to London and Paris was so successful that another one is planned for this fall. This time it will be a Danube River Cruise from Nuremberg to Budapest on the Viking Neptune. There will be stops at Kelheim, Regensburg, Passau, Melk, Vienna and Budapest. In addition there will be a two-night Munich pre-cruise and a two-night Vienna extension. This complete adventure is scheduled to start on September 30 and end on October 12, 2004. Quinwell Travel Services, Inc., the official travel agent for the Boston College Alumni Association, is coordinating this trip again for our class. \* Also I received an email from Jacquie Cooper telling me about the death of her husband and our classmate, Joe Cooper. Jacquie related that Joe died in his sleep on February 15, 2004, while they were vacationing in Ft. Myers, FL. Joe retired as president of Comtran Corp. on December 31, 2003 – giving them only six weeks of retirement. Jackie wrote, "Because Joe did not have a physician, the police were there [when he died] and

asked me if I would like to have a priest come, bless Joe and say some prayers. They called the police chaplain who came within the hour. After the prayers, we talked. His name is Rev. Charles Sullivan ('57). He was born in St. Kevin's Dorchester and grew up in St. Columbkille's in Brighton. He has been responsible for starting and completing two parishes in Ft. Myers and now is starting Blessed Pope John XXIII as a pastor and is also the police chaplain. I thought this is a wonderful story of how we meet the people we do as they are God's angels and they come always in the time of need."

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*Editor's note: Congratulations to the class of 1954 on its Golden Eagle reunion!*

We learned from Jim Coughlin that Dan Miley recently received the Governor Romney Outstanding Volunteer award. It was presented to him by Lt. Governor Healey before family and friends on March 5. This award is given to those volunteers who contribute to many worthy causes. \* This past winter, a large number of classmates attended a hockey game at Conte Forum. Those in attendance were Frank Bonarrigo, Jim Coughlin, John Ford, Susan and Bert Giroux, Ellen and Bert Good, Pat and Dick Hughs, Mary McCourt, John Kerry and grandchildren, Pat and Bob King and grandchildren, Donald MacLellan, Lenny Matthews, Janet and Paul McKenna, Peter Nobile, Jim O'Halloran, Joan and Frank Patchell, Tony Pellegrini, Mary and Murray Regan, Shirley and Bob Sanborn, George Seaver, Ed Smith and grandson, Lori and Lou Totino, Margaret and Peter Vasaturo, and Bettie and Tom Warren. \* Charles J. Maloney of Ashland, a veteran of the Korean War and a federal employee for 40 years, passed away in January. He was a member of many local organizations, including the American Legion, Knights of Columbus, the Fish and Game Association, the Ashland School Committee, and the Lions, which honored him with the Melvin Jones Award and the Lifetime Membership Award. Most recently, he served as treasurer of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees. He leaves a wife and eight children.

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## REUNION YEAR

When you read this, the transition will be in progress. The Class of '54 will have completed its 50th anniversary year and we will be



about to start ours. May I extend our congratulations to all of them. Because one of our tasks is publishing our yearbook, I'll begin with the Editor's Corner: Jean O'Neil reports that the committee responsible for developing the biographical questionnaire has completed its work. They met with the graphic artist from the yearbook company and it was approved. These biographical questionnaires will be mailed out in late spring and will be due back early in September. They will form the base for the profiles that are the focus of the yearbook. The committee hopes each living classmate will share in this class profile and will contact people who can fill in information for those deceased classmates from the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Business, Intown College, and School of Nursing generic baccalaureate program as well as RN to BS graduates. In addition to working on the questionnaire, Paul Croke has been doing yeoman's work trying to identify and locate missing and deceased classmates, and Charlie Costello has agreed to help develop the section on the military. \* I can finally announce the marriage of two classmates and offer congratulations to them and their new brides. Jean, as the new wife of **Jim Martin**, and Kay, as the new bride of **Paul Fallon**, I want to welcome you into the class. May your marriages be long and filled with good health and happiness. \* **Mary Jane Brennan Geis** has been able to confirm the arrival of a new grandson from China. Thomas' arrival was delayed because of SARS. \* A quick note about our yearbook editor. In addition to Jean's many roles at SON, her role in nursing research has not received much acknowledgement in this column. Jean, together with other colleagues from SON, presented findings related to "Building a Collaborative Research Team" at the Biennial Convention of Sigma Theta Tau International in Toronto, Canada, on November 1, 2003. Its focus was individual hospital-based nurses at Massachusetts General Hospital. SON faculty and students participated in the study. \* Christmas letters are always well received at this address. **Marguerite Blais Dannemiller** reported that she has retired and was able to take a trip back to her childhood home in Pawtucket, RI. She was accompanied by her daughter Dodie and her family plus her daughter Elaine. She was even able to have a tour of her former home. \* I recently had a delightful letter from **Mary Shaughnessy Sharpe**. She reports that her daughter and family have returned from France and are now living in the area. Mary and her husband, Warren, now have five grandchildren. Mary reminisced about Fr. Gorman and his singing of "Danny Boy," especially at this time of the year. It got me to thinking. I know technology wasn't at its best in those days, but does anyone happen to have a recording of him singing this signature song? \* I'm grateful to all of you who have sent dues and am pleased that several of you added extra money for our annual dona-

tion to the Second Helping Program. These contributions formed the basis of our donation. This is a perishable food rescue program, the support for which comes from this annual fundraiser. Alumni help pay the expenses involved in staffing and running two refrigerated food trucks. Last year, approximately 239,000 pounds of food was rescued from going to waste and provided approximately 134,000 meals. I am also grateful to those who sent a separate check for Second Helping last fall and I forwarded those to the alumni office, which handles them. \* In closing, I would like to extend sympathy to **Patricia Phipps Malone** on the death of her brother and to **Barbara Winklehofer Wright** on the death of her mother.

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#### REUNION YEAR

Our 50th reunion is fast approaching. **Patricia Leclaire Mitchell** has been working with others on the reunion yearbook. She will be sending you a letter asking for information about you to be included in the yearbook. So please start recollecting those happy memories of 1951 - 1955 as well as information about your life and activities in the years since then.

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As you can see from the heading above, Marie and I have moved to Stoneham. I'll have the telephone number with the next column, but you can reach me via e-mail. \* **Carol Hines Gleason** reports that her son is home from Iraq and that he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal while there. \* Our winter event in January was a sell-out with 42 at the dinner in Walsh Hall, followed by a hockey game against arch-rival BU. We won, 5-1, in a preview of the Beanpot final when we dethroned BU! Talk about dedicated fans - **Norm Roy**, who had both knees replaced before Christmas, came to the dinner and then hobbled over to the game on crutches. Marie and I sat at dinner with **Jim Shea, Jr.**, and **Kevin Mawn**. **John McDonnell** came in from Dover to join us for his first class event. Others attending included **Dan and Carolyn Kenney Foley**, **Janet and Jack Leonard**, **Ed Lynch**, **Doris and John Mahaney** and their son, **Leo and Claire Hoban McCormack**, **Margie Murphy**, **Mary Fraser Pizzelli**, **Joe Connors**, **Joan and Joe Danieli**, **Eleanor and John Bergin**, **Ernestine Bolduc**, **Maire and Jim McLaughlin**, **Betty Ann Casey**, **Peter Colleary**, **Mary Condon Walsh**, **Dick Toland**, **Mary and Jerry Sullivan**, **Bill Plansky**, **Kathy and Leo Power**, **Connie Regolino**, and **Charlie Roche**. \* The class donated \$500 to the Second Helping gala and received two tickets

to the gala, which were won by **Fred Hickey** and **John Mahaney**. The gala was held at the New England Patriots' Gillette Stadium in Foxboro this year. \* We planned to be at the Laetare Sunday Mass this year. It was scheduled as an afternoon Mass with a reception afterward in the Lower Campus Dining Facility because of a change in the Mass schedule at St. Ignatius. We'll report on it in our next column. \* The class committee chose the BC Arts Festival as our spring event with dinner plus tickets to either a band concert or performance of Cole Porter's "Anything Goes." \* During the summer, we plan to get to a performance by **Bob Eagle's Reagle Players**. Bob is in his 36th season of presenting musicals in Waltham, featuring leads from Broadway along with regional talent. \* **Frank Cotter** is recuperating in Hillsboro, NH, after spending 40 days in the hospital with a life-threatening strain of pneumonia, followed by 23 days in rehab learning to walk and use his muscles again. He is enjoying life and his daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren. Please remember them and **Dick Myles** and **Joe Hynes**, who died in January, in your prayers as well as all classmates and family members. \* Once again, thanks for your e-mails and letters. Your classmates want to hear what you're doing! Let me know via e-mail, letter or phone call.

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By all accounts the class event at Mahoney's Greenhouse Party in Winchester on February 7, 2004, was a fabulous time. **Norma Cacciamani**, as usual, did a superb job as chair of this wonderful and colorful event. Norma also entertained the group by singing with the band. The following classmates attended: **Ed Brickley**, **Norma Cacciamani**, **Jim Devlin**, **Marty Dunn**, **Paul Duseau**, **Ralph Ferrera**, **Frank Greelish**, **Tom Harrington**, **Eleanor Hogan**, **Mary Lou Hogan**, **Neil Hynes**, **Margaret Mahoney**, **Paul Mahoney**, **Paul McAdams**, **Paul McNulty**, **Bill McQueeney**, **Richard Monahan**, **Leo Marrissey**, **Pat Mullen**, **Paul O'Leary**, **Bob Tiernan**, **Bill Tobin**, **Geri Toler**, **Betty and Jim Turley**, and **John Wissler**. A big note of thanks is extended to **Doris and Paul Mahoney** for inviting the class to use their very beautiful facility not only this year but also in the past. \* **Fr. John Dean** was presented a meritorious award for his 25 years of service, dedication, support and spiritual guidance to the campus community and student athletics at Westfield State College last December 8, 2003. **Fr. Dean** and **John Wissler** were freshman roommates in the



early years of 1953-1954. \* George Hennessy's sister, Helen Hennessy Vendler, a leading interpreter of English language poets, will deliver this year's Jefferson Lecture in the Humanities on behalf of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Helen, a professor at Harvard for nearly 25 years, has written extensively on William Shakespeare, William Butler Yeats, Seamus Heaney and John Keats. \* Pat Vacca, while in retirement, is both active and busy with the Coast Guard Auxiliary on Cape Cod. He will be on Security Patrol under the auspices of the new Homeland Security Group in the Nantucket Sound area of the Cape. \* Ralph Ferrera and his wife, Laura, vacationed in Arizona this past late winter. They visited Phoenix, Scottsdale and Sedona. They also got together with some friends while traveling in the area. \* The class golf outing is planned for May 19, 2004, at the Sandy Burr Country Club in Wayland. Jim Devlin is chair of this popular event. As noted before in the winter Class Notes, I will comment further about this event in the summer issue. In addition, an early fall class event is being planned on Cape Cod. Once plans become more fully crystallized, a general mailing will be sent out outlining all the pertinent details. \* It is with great sadness that I inform you that Anna Mary (Dooley) Stewart passed away in early 2004 in Scituate. Anna Mary was one of our most loyal, beloved and active classmates. She and her late husband, Walter M. Stewart, hardly missed a class event over the years. Anna Mary had also served on our Class Board of Directors since our board was first formed many years ago. Later in her life, she became a hotline and court advocate for the South Shore Women's Center in Plymouth.

She spent nights on the telephone listening to the stories of domestic violence victims. According to many of her co-workers she was very compassionate. She liked working with women. Anna Mary leaves six children. If any class members would like to contact the Stewart family, please let me know. The class extends its sincere sympathy to all of the Stewart family. God rest you, dear soul Anna Mary. \* The class extends its condolences to the family of Jerome H. Supple. Jerry passed away in Texas on January 16, 2004. A "Double Eagle," he was past president of Texas State University at San Marcos where he led the university for 13 years with great distinction. I would like to thank Gerry Hooley for sending the obituary on Jerry. Gerry also mentioned that he and his wife had just returned from a cruise of South America, including a run from Chile to Brazil and a stop in the Falklands. \* Just a reminder, if you have not sent in your class dues, please remit them in the amount of \$25 to Bill Tobin, 181 Central St., Holliston, MA 01746. Best wishes for a happy and safe summer.

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Jim Thompson reports from St. Louis, MO, that he continues on as president and CEO of International Plating Corp., which is involved in manufacturing, real estate and the food service industry. Jim has been married for 43

years with two children and when not at the office, he can be seen flying his plane around the Midwest. \* It was great to see Betty and Paul Fennel at the "Busa" Condo in Naples. Bea did her usual great job as a gourmet cook and "Tiny" even helped out washing the dishes. The Fennels recently celebrated the arrival of their second grandchild, Ethan. Paul is currently lying low from his active lifestyle as he recovers from his second shoulder replacement. \* The class mourns the death of Bob Travis after a long and lingering illness. Bob started his career as a lay apostle in Minnesota. He will be sorely missed by his Minnesota friends. \* After 45 years as a teacher and professor of industrial engineering and manufacturing, Ernie Caponi spends many hours each week at the Leominster Public Library learning computer skills and researching his family's roots. \* It was nice to see Al Carroll and Joe Giardina at the sixth annual southwest Florida golf tournament, held each year to raise funds for children and adults suffering from autism. \* Gerry Mitchell is keeping busy these days as chairman of the committee planning our 50th anniversary from Boston College High School. \* Jim McNeill reports that he is back safely in Pocasset after spending January and February at Pelican Landing in southwest Florida. Jim and family are all doing well. \* Mary Carroll is living in Westwood with her new husband and is an attorney with IBM. Christine Callahan ('82) and Dave are living in Holland, PA, with their three children. Jack ('86) is living in Wellesley, Michael is teaching in Houston and Jim's daughter, Kate, is living in Westford with her husband, Mike, and three kids. \* Hats off to Ed Gilmore for arranging the class luncheon at the Stonebridge Country Club in March. Sixty-four of our classmates were in attendance, which is an amazing number considering it was held in the little town of Naples, FL. A great time was had by all. Upcoming class events include: (1) Spring Fling at the Sheraton in Hyannis on the Cape, hosted by Sheldon Daly; (2) Class luncheon on the Cape on the first Thursday in August, hosted by Ed Gilmore; (3) Cocktail party at Minihane's Greenhouse on the Cape on May 23, hosted by Barbara O'Connell; (4) Class luncheon in March 2005 at the Stonebridge Country Club in Naples, FL. \* Condolences of the class go out to the families of the following classmates who passed away during the past year: Vincent J. Amicangelo, Michael J. Bennett, Francis X. Doran, George J. Fitzgerald, James F. Hudson, Patricia O'Leary Moriarty and Henry P. Zielinski. \* I get very little correspondence from our class about what is going on in their lives. It is very difficult to fill up this column when I don't hear from you. Please let me hear from you - my address and phone number are in the bold print. Don't forget your class dues. Send \$25 to Jack "Mucca" McDevitt, 25 Cedar Rd., Medford, MA 02155.

## FAN FEST 2004

Save the dates for the following Fall 2004 home football games, and plan on joining us two hours prior to kick-off at the RecPlex.

Saturday, September 11	vs. Penn State
Friday, September 17	vs. Connecticut*
Saturday, October 2	vs. Massachusetts
Saturday, November 6	vs. Rutgers*
Saturday, November 27	vs. Syracuse*

\*Denotes Big East contest.

For more information on kick-off times, please visit  
<http://bceagles.collegesports.com>



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Once again, I have been given the job of substituting for our class secretary, Sheila Hurley Cauty, whose husband, Robert, died this past summer. The notes should appear under her name – as she tells us she will file the next time! I sincerely hope so. If there are any questions or problems, I hope you will contact me. E-mail as above, or call 617-332-6798. \* On to the notes: About a year ago at this time, we were preparing for our 45th reunion from Newton and now, at last, we're filing our report. Much of the news that follows was gathered at reunion time. We heard from a good number of our class, and it was rewarding to know that so many still keep in touch. Everyone we spoke with who was unable to attend expressed sincere regret at not being able to come back to Newton at that time. Evelyn Chiao Yuan lives in New Jersey, and her two children are in San Francisco, CA. Jo Englert Wiczynski and her husband have retired to Sarasota, FL. Last summer she and her family traveled to Africa for her daughter's wedding, with siblings coming from Atlanta, GA, and San Francisco, CA, for the occasion. Eileen Mullin has retired from Massachusetts General Hospital after many years of work there. Moira (Mike) Mahoney Kelly (Buffalo, NY) was traveling to Ireland at the time of the reunion, but she told us she keeps in touch with Jane Dick O'Kieffe (Chevy Chase, MD), Judy Goodnow Prus (Grosse Pointe, MI) and Helen McLachlan Smith (Newtown, CT). Judy Carey Zesiger (New York, NY) was traveling at reunion time and was unable to attend, grandmother of triplets! Also traveling was Katie Welch, professor of English (Westfield, MA). We had only voicemail contact with Mary Denman O'Shea (Preston Hollow, NY). Carol Vaughan Landon and her husband divide time between Williamsburg, VA, and Arizona. She stays in touch with Ann Figge Brawley (Key Biscayne, FL). Dottie Roche Richardson is living in Staffordshire, England, and had some good suggestions for our 50th, which at this point isn't that far away. Brian and Sheila Quinlan Brown live in New York City; their four children and grandchildren are in Seattle, WA. Dave and Mary Keating McKell have six children and seven grandchildren, all of whom live in the general area of Huntington Station, NY. Mary now volunteers as a docent at the Vanderbilt Museum. She's in touch with Mary Azzara and Beth Duffy Legare (Seekonk). Susie Kennedy Baxter (Providence, RI), Leonor Salcedo Barreto (Washington, DC) and Nancy Eddy Samek (Cumberland, RI) were unable to attend because of other commitments, but all sent regards to the class. The weekend consisted of an unofficial gathering for dinner on Friday evening and the official reunion dinner on Saturday evening at old Duchesne,

subsequently Putnam House, and now called Alumni House. Audie Nolan Galvin and Eddie, Betsey Dray Falvey and Art, Maureen O'Donnell Kent and Bill, Mickey Cunningham Wetzel and Paul, Jo Kirk Cleary and Bill, Sheila Hurley Cauty, M.J. Eagan English, Carol Healey Hanley and Al, and Rosemary Stuart Dwyer and Bernie, all from the Boston area, along with Judy Young Runnette (Norwalk, CT), Patty Peck Schorr and Dave (Princeton, NJ), Lucy Reuter Dolan and Dan (St. Louis, MO), Julie Saver Reusch and Ed (Seabrook, NH), Kate Glutting Arcand (Portland, ME), Carol Higgins Reeve and Gerry (Melbourne, FL), and Martha Dwyer Laurance and Ed (Monterey, CA) were in attendance at one or more events. Saturday morning's program was a book discussion of Richard Russo's novel *Empire Falls*. Judith Wilt, Newton College alumnae chair in Western culture, moderated the discussion which was followed by a garden party lunch at Barst House. Sunday's program was Mass in Trinity Chapel followed by brunch. In more recent news, M.J. Eagan English has traveled to see Joan Sextro (Evanston, IL), and M.J. also travels to ski with a group that has just returned from Telluride, CO. In the last few weeks we've heard from Margie George Vis, who's living in Grand Rapids, MI, and from Sue Lawrence (New York, NY), who was recently married to Jim Starkey. \* Some very sad news to report are three deaths. First, our classmate Sandy Thomson, who died of heart failure on Christmas Eve 2003. She was a pediatric orthopedic surgeon and in the summer of 1994 sustained a very serious accident which left her unable to practice regularly. Three classmates were among those who attended her funeral which was held at St. Ignatius Church on the edge of the BC campus. Secondly, Sheila Hurley Cauty's husband, Bob, died last summer of complications from Parkinson's disease. And lastly, Ed and Julie Saver Reusch's daughter, Julie, died of cancer, leaving her husband and twin daughters. Our prayers and sympathy go to all their families. \* We can plan for our 50th, and it seems we should start now, at our rate of speed. *Notes submitted for Sheila Hurley Cauty by Jo Kirk Cleary.*

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Our 45th anniversary year is almost at a close. I hope everyone was able to participate somehow. The BC-BU hockey game in January was a success in spite of the bad weather. As I write this, I am looking forward to the dinner dance at Gasson 100 on Saturday, June 5, 2004. \* Class gifts and pledges broke all of our previous records. We now have pledges for over \$1 million with 40 percent of the class participating. That is a historic milestone. Congratulations and thanks to everyone for their help in making this happen. \* I received an announcement of the grand

opening of the William F. Connell Golf House and Museum at the TPC course in Norton. In addition to being a loyal and generous alumnus, Bill Connell was a great supporter of golf. It's wonderful to see him remembered in so many ways. Paul LoConte writes of his memories of Bill when they were both first lieutenants in the US Army. \* Paul Sullivan wrote to let us know of the death of Dick Murray. Dick spent his brief retirement helping Pine Street Inn and Bread for the World, among others. Dick is from our famous chemistry section which has produced so many teachers and scientists. Mike Boyle, Bob Levangie and Peter Sullivan also attended Dick's funeral. \* Katherine Vierra McGuinness says she's showing her age but is still active in nursing. She and Jim have five children and nine grandchildren scattered across the country. \* Alan Cloutier's son writes to request that Alan be remembered to our class. Alan passed away in September. \* Margaret Cleary has lived in Sudbury for 36 years, raised a family and is still active as a rehabilitation nurse. Margaret has published extensively and recently received the Carroll award for her work with the blind. \* Joan Costello has retired from the University of Chicago and is working in a private practice of clinical psychology. \* Kevin McGill, son of Roe and Joe McGill, passed away in the fall leaving a wife and young daughter. Many classmates attended the funeral; our condolences to the family.

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January brought the sad news of Janet (Grant) Twomey's death after a very courageous battle with ovarian cancer. Janet was a devoted friend, gracious hostess and a loyal and enthusiastic Newton alumna. We shall miss her greatly. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to her husband, Gene, and all her family. \* Prayers are requested for Paula (Ajo) Lucentini who has been undergoing a long struggle with ovarian cancer also. In a recent note she mentioned that she is feeling better now and is grateful for the care and loving support of her family and friends.

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#### REUNION YEAR

Condolences to the family of John Neil MacPherson who died in late February in Elbert, CO. John and Margaret were married for 45 years and had five children, one who died of a seizure at age three. Al Sweeney related this information for this column. Al went to high school with John's wife many moons ago. \* John F. Sheehan was called back to his old United Way in Northampton for five months in 2003, as interim president. John had served as president of the



Hampshire County United Way for 23 years and retired in 2001. He enjoyed his delayed experience as he had hired most of the people during his tenure. John currently serves as national coordinator of the Association for the Rights of Catholics in the Church (ARCC), an international organization advocating for a new system of governance in the Catholic Church. ARCC echoes the call by Pope Paul VI for a Constitution for the Catholic Church, involving laity in all levels of decision-making. **Bob F. X. Hart**, former UW president in Portland, ME, and Providence, RI, serves on the board of ARCC. If interested their website is [www.arcc-catholic-rights.net](http://www.arcc-catholic-rights.net). John and his wife have set up the Tara Sheehan Trust Fund to help people with eating disorders. Their beloved daughter, Tara, died in 2002 at the age of 25 from anorexia, after struggling with the disease for 10 years. **Fr. Leo Shea**, MM, presided at Tara's funeral Mass. Sheehan also teaches part time at Holyoke Community College and Springfield College. He sends his greetings to all his former classmates. \* **Joe and Brenda Crowley Harrington** are reasonably well considering some health issues. Married for 37 years with two grandchildren matching their own son and daughter, Joe retired this year from full-time teaching at Framingham State College after 37 years. He received the Kidger Award, given annually by the New England History Teachers' Association to a college or university faculty member in recognition of his/her contribution to the profession, teaching excellence and research publications. The Crowleys are still involved with College Academy and College Gate, summer programs for bright kids in grades K-8. This is the 26th year of the program. Joe will continue to teach a course per semester at Framingham State. Travel is on the agenda with Alaska this past summer and several trips to New York and Washington, DC. \* **Andrea Boyadgis (Nicky) McGonigle** passed away on St. Patrick's Day after fighting breast cancer. She was one of six gals who graduated from BC who are best friends – three from Arlington and three from Everett. Condolences to her husband, **John McGonigle**, and family.

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#### REUNION YEAR

**Pat Winkler Browne** wrote earlier that she and Dick had returned from a trip with the Gregorian Foundation. The foundation supports the Gregorian University, the Oriental Institute and the Biblical Institute. The Greg, as it is known, was founded by St. Ignatius and was originally called the College of Rome. Its name was changed when Pope Gregory gave it substantial help and made it important in the education for advanced learning. The Greg educates priests, clergy and laity. It is run by the Jesuits, many from

the United States. The Brownes attended seminars and dialogues at each of the institutes. The foundation also provided some side trips that included a private tour of the Sistine Chapel. They attended the Consistory in St. Peter's when the new cardinals received their rings and were seated to the right of the Pope and the Cardinals. **Peggy Brennan Hassett ('62)** was part of the group. Pat writes, "The day we toured the Trajans' Forum, **Susan O'Leary ('61)** and **Gretchen Eben Triulzi ('61)** joined us. It was wonderful having our own Newton group! After a stay of 10 days in Rome, Dick and I went to London where we rented an apartment in Shepherd's Market in Mayfair." \* **Nancy Madden Leamy** continues to run her figure skating school in Greenwich, CT, and attributes her success to her background at Newton and hard work. Nancy has been cited in *Who's Who* in the skating arena, both in the United States and Great Britain. \* **Mickey Mahon MacMillan** sent a welcome e-mail: "My husband, Don, and I are now living on Cape Cod year round. Three of our five children live within 15 minutes of us, along with four of our seven grandchildren. It is a great joy to be able to see them on a regular basis. We both play a lot of duplicate bridge and enjoy the many outdoor activities available on the Cape. Golf is a significant part of our lives. I play competitively at and for my club, Oyster Harbors, and also serve on the board of the WGAM and the Cape Cod Women's Golf League. Kayaking is another great pleasure of mine. If you are ever in Cotuit Bay and see an old woman in a red kayak with a yellow life vest on, it might be me. We travel when we can. Last August we went on our third golfing trip to Ireland while also attending the wedding of my niece. This May we are planning a trip through the Canadian Rockies by rail. I hear it is a spectacular adventure and we are looking forward to it. One nice thing about living near Boston is being able to attend gatherings of our Newton classmates in the area and hearing news of the rest of you." \* It saddens me to inform you that our classmate **Marianne Lucca Hollub** passed away in December 2003 in Florida. We send our sympathies to her twin sister, **Connie Lucca Donovan**, her husband, Frank, and her family. \* I also received this notice: Sister **Frances Cunningham** of Kenwood Convent of the Sacred Heart in Albany, NY, died peacefully on Sunday, January 11, 2004, at the age of 93. She is remembered with love and appreciation by her former colleagues, students and friends at Newton College of the Sacred Heart, where she served as a professor of biology in the Science Department from 1952 until 1973. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on January 14, 2004, at Kenwood. \* Since this is the June issue, I will wish you all a safe and pleasant summer and remind you to e-mail me some information about you – especially if I haven't heard from you lately – at [dorseypm@comcast.net](mailto:dorseypm@comcast.net).

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**John Lane**, yes our John Lane, sends me greetings from west of the mighty Mississippi. He says **Jim Lawler** and **Tom Dahoney** can be found around the Arizona area. Tom and Doreen are buying a cabin in the high country near Show Low, AZ. Jim and June have bought a spot near Bath, ME. Maine in summer, Arizona in winter – what a country! \* I got a call from **Jack McDowell** on a Saturday afternoon a couple of months ago to tell me about a mini Class of '61 meeting. It seems that Florida is kind of a small place, so when **Larry Eisenhower** shows up in one of his boats it attracts folks like the **Hannons**, **McDowells**, and **Bob and Dee Flaherty**. **Bob Derba** also dropped in to say hi to Jack and Pat and said that **Norm Towle** lives nearby. **John and Judy Lonergan** were by earlier in January. \* I had an e-mail (actually two) from **Porter Starratt**. He and his wife, Mary (Burke), are living in Windham, NH. Porter worked most of his years in the plastics business, first for Sweetheart Plastics, then with Nypco Inc. He says he spends a lot of time working on getting his golf score to approach his age (70 – he was a vet before BC). \* **Jack Maguire (GA&S '66)**, former Boston College dean of admissions, was elected to the United Cerebral Palsy board of trustees. \* For those of you who may have missed it, there was a wonderful article on **Tom Hynes** in the *Boston Business Journal*. Tom has been a colossal success in the real estate business in and around Boston. He credited his past and ongoing love of competitive sports as helping him find the enthusiasm and vigor to work with some of the highest-profile people in business, the professions and politics. \* That's about all for now. Please use e-mail, snail mail, carrier pigeon or whatever you need to let me know what's happening in your life. Godspeed to all.

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Regrettably I neglected to mention **Margot Bruguere Martin's** death in our last edition. Margot had been diagnosed with a brain tumor in July and died in October. Our sympathy to her family. \* **Ellen MacDonald Carbone** and Duane welcomed a new granddaughter, Anna, in November. Ellen tells us that one of the best things she has done for herself recently is to join the book review group on the Newton Campus led by Mother White. **Kathy Hall Hunter** wrote that all is well with her. **Mary Sue Flanagan** was off to Connecticut to see her family and the new nieces and nephews who have arrived in the past few months. **Judy Thompson Collins** wrote in February that she and Dave were awaiting four to five feet of snow at their



place in the Lake Tahoe area!! That's a lot!!! Bob and I traveled to Ireland for a week in December. We flew out of Boston on December 8, which was fortunate as Logan had been closed for the previous two days because of the blizzard. \* **PLEASE NOTE** my e-mail address has changed to newtonmiz@sbcglobal.net. Let us know what is going on in your life.

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I received an interesting email from Frank Duffy who reports that he moved back to Boston in December after being away from the area for over 40 years. Since leaving the Heights he went to St. Louis, MO, Modesto, CA, and New York City, working with various "grand American corporations." After shedding the "chains of corporate bureaucracy (actually getting canned)," he became a filmmaker in New York and 10 years after that (1985) purchased a bar in East Hampton, NY. His restaurant, "The Grill," became an East Hampton fixture over the years. Now almost 20 years after catering to the so-called rich and famous, Frank is back in Boston with his wife, Noel Sullivan Duffy, of Brooklyn, NY. Frank and Noel intend to become permanent fixtures at the bar of the BC Club where they can walk from their new home on Beacon Hill. They also plan to summer in Kennebunk, ME, and winter on Hilton Head Island, SC. "Life is good," so says Frank. \* Our 40th reunion committee, chaired by Tom McCabe, was rewarded for its work on the very successful endeavors culminating in this very special gathering of our classmates, with a pre-game dinner and tickets to the BC-BU hockey game at Conte Forum on January 16. Attending were Tom and his wife, Marge; Paul Hardiman and his wife, Marilyn; Tom Quirk; John Golden and his wife, Kay; Doug MacQuarrie and his wife, Rosemary; and my wife, Eileen ('64), and your class reporter. The committee witnessed a wonderful display from the No. 1 in the nation hockey Eagles, with a thorough rout of our Comm. Ave. neighbors, a preview of a winning Beanpot Championship game. College hockey has certainly improved in recent years, with the speed, passing, puck control and overall abilities of today's players up a notch. It was a treat to behold! Congratulations to Coach York and his great team! \* I am sad to report the death of Jack Cunningham on January 6. Jack had seemed to be enjoying his retirement years in Quincy after a long

career as a history teacher at Boston Latin and in other schools in the Boston school system. Class condolences go out to his wife, Clare, and his sister and two brothers. \* Keep those cards, letters and e-mails coming in.

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It's the beginning of March and, as I started to write this column, I suddenly realized that I had very little to report this time. So I could only surmise that everyone was saving their latest info so that they'd have something to talk about at the reunion. Well, now that you're reading this after the reunion, what's the verdict? Was I right? Did you all come bearing gifts of gab to insure that the fall column would be bursting with news to entertain those unfortunate few who decided not to attend our 40th (!) reunion? I hope so, because I get twice the space for a reunion report and I'm counting on you all. Meanwhile, I do have a few tidbits to share. Ann Marie DeNisco L'Abbate called to say that their son, Marco, and Christine Ruiz were married on February 13, and Ann Marie and Basil are thrilled. Ann Marie also passed along a funny story about Carol Sorace Whalen and, yes, Carol has given me permission to print it here. Carol, Ann Marie says, would be the first person to admit that she is totally non-athletic. Well, it seems that Carol and husband, Tom, while vacationing in Maine, went bike-riding with relatives. Now, Carol doesn't know how to ride a bike. However, she didn't think this would be a problem, as "it was a tandem bike." This is obviously not considered to be a "real" bike in Carol's book. So they rode it for 20 miles. The next day they went on a four-mile hike. Carol wound up at the doctor's and was prescribed muscle relaxants. Asked if she was planning to do more of this, Carol replied: "Not a chance!" Well, Carol, remind me to tell you about my hike down the Samaria Gorge in Crete. It's given me enough "complaining" mileage to last a lifetime – worth its weight in gold, as my husband likes to point out. Speaking of my husband, he's an avid downhill skier. Thus we have had a ski house in Vermont longer than we have had children. So Priscilla, having quit skiing about eight years ago, decided to give it another whirl. Well, it worked, it's fun and said husband is happy, happy. It helped to join an over-50 ski club at Stratton, and we're establishing a real life there, probably for the first time. Good thing I'm only 51!

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Karen Holland has moved to Westfield with her two children, Jill and Daniel, to be closer to her family. Karen and her children did enjoy a trip back to Aspen this winter to ski. \* Doug and Judy Labrecque have two new granddaughters, Caroline Quinn who joins siblings Matthew and Julia and parents Bob and Mary Quinn, and Abigail who joins brothers Jacob and Patrick and parents Joe and Beth Clark. Doug is an officer of the World Gastroenterology Organization (OMGE). Their son Fred has added a head high school boy's basketball coaching position to his resume and their son Joe is a mechanical engineer with the Navy in Panama City, FL. \* John and Mary Margaret Griffin became grandparents when son John and his wife, Michelle, welcomed Benjamin James into the Griffin family. \* Jim and Sarah Ann Mahoney also are grandparents again with the arrival of Hannah Elizabeth Stone, daughter of Ellen and Andy Stone. Congratulations also to Ellen who received her first-choice match and after graduating from UMass Medical, will be a resident at Hasbro Children's Hospital at Rhode Island Hospital. Her husband, Andy, is a pulmonology fellow at Rhode Island Hospital. \* We wish to extend our sympathy to the family of classmate Chester Kozlowski who died this past September after a long illness. He leaves his wife, Mary-Ellen, and three children, Paul, Chris and Sara-Beth, all of New Britain, CT.

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It seems like this past year has been a milestone for most of us – our 60th birthday. How could this have happened in that short time since we were back at Newton! Good news is that it's a milestone that deserves to be celebrated. \* Lisa Pustorino Edmiston marked her 60th with a family celebration followed by a sailing cruise with her husband, Mark, to the Caribbean. She and Mark also celebrated his 60th with a three-week vacation in Australia and New Zealand in September. Lisa also reported that she had won a trip to a spa in Sedona, AZ ("too long a story to tell"), and she shared her good fortune with Dorothy Sforza Calabrese in March. They enjoyed a great spa experience, fabulous sightseeing around Sedona and a lot of laughs. Lisa deserved the spa experience after undergoing two back surgeries that still have not alleviated her pain from sciatica. Best wishes to Lisa for a full recovery. \* I was treated to a weekend in New York City to cel-



celebrate my 60th. My son, Mike ('90), and his wife, Leslie, and my daughter, Kelley, entertained both me and Leslie's mom who was also turning 60. We attended two Broadway shows and the Blue Man Group and enjoyed some great food and a wonderful time. \* Did you know there is a Newton College Book Club moderated by Mother White? You can even attend by conference call. Contact Julie Nuzzo at 617-552-4577 or email her at julie.nuzzo@bc.edu for details. \* **P-J Mikita McGlynn** proudly announces the birth of her first grandchild, Reanna Marie Cashman, daughter of son Sean and his wife, Christine. \* **Mary McGinn** was recently named executive director of a children's bereavement program. She had spent the previous 15 years at the Providence Ronald McDonald House. Mary ran into Cathy Beyer Hurst ('66) at a parish reunion last fall. Cathy related how her class includes workshops at their reunion. Mary is willing to help with organizing our '05 reunion. Any more volunteers out there? \* Sadly, I received the news that Mother Frances Cunningham passed away in January 2004 at the age of 93. Mother Cunningham served as a professor of biology from 1952 to 1973. \* I am writing this column from Colorado where I have enjoyed skiing at Vail with my ski club followed by a visit with Mike and Leslie. Thanks to all who sent news. Remember, don't make any plans for May 2005!

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This is the year most of us turn 60! Write and let us know if you had, or are planning, a special celebration. What observations or words of wisdom do you have? Your class secretary, along with Ann-Marie Carroll, Joan Candee Collins, Sandra Puerini DelSesto, Pat Ryan Grace, Joyce LaFazia Heimbecker and Beth Gundlach, traveled to Connecticut for a surprise birthday party for Barbara Childs Hall. Great fun, and a chance to visit with Barbara's

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brand-new grand-twins! The group, along with Martha Roughan, plans a weeklong trip to Montreal in July for a group 60th celebration. Also the grandmother of twins is Anne Sweeney Marschik who writes that she is fully retired from her medical practice and is thoroughly enjoying "grandmotherhood." Her daughter and said twins live in Atlanta, GA, where Anne spends a lot of time and was hoping to reconnect with Louise Gerrity Vollertsen and Maureen Harnisch Foley during one of her visits there.

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At a recent birthday party for Paul Delaney ('66), given by his bride, Denise Roberto Delaney, we ran into, Bill Ford, Bill Lally ('66) and the following SON alumnae: Patty McCarthy O'Brien, Mary-Anne Woodward Benedict and Carol DeLuca Hemenway. The annual BC-BU Hockey East dinner/game was a great success once again and it was good to see the usual suspects. Also seen at regular season games were Jim Hickey, Paul White, Gerald Madek and Frank Salimbene. Frank has been teaching at Bentley College for the past few years after teaching many years at Xaverian High in Westwood. Wish we had more to offer but the mailbag has been sparse. Write if you find work!

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Summer greetings to one and all! My apologies to Connie Murphy Hughes who had a wonderful newsy note last fall that didn't get processed for the last column. She wrote to say that she and her husband, Roger, still live in Norwell. No job changes: he is an attorney and she works as a realtor with Coldwell Banker. Their children are grown now. Caroline ('94) is an attorney working in her father's office after spending time with two Boston firms. Allison ('98) is an elementary school teacher. She and her husband presented the Murphys with their first grandchild early in 2003. Their third child, Ted, is a sophomore at St. Anselm College. His parents enjoy frequent trips up for visits. Connie occasionally gets to catch up with Debbie Carr since the latter is now down on the Cape. [My note: You Cape Codders need to get together and send news; plenty of you around.] \* My other class report comes from south of the equator... Josie Higgins Rideg celebrated the marriage of her son, Tom, in May 2003. Daughter Natalie and her husband, Holdeg, had a second child. (Josie loves being a grandmother.) And the youngest, Kath, spends her days in the classroom... sort of following her mother's footsteps. Josie especially finds teaching her class in the theory of knowledge "challenging and stimulating." \* Perhaps some of you missed the message in the last column... I have a new e-mail

address. It isn't getting used very much though. Still waiting for an update from so many of you. Please share the details of what direction your life is taking! If there are challenges, let us know so we can join our prayers with yours. The NC'67 prayer net that I coordinate just passes on, by e-mail, the requests that I receive from you all. (Your e-mail addresses remain confidential.) The net hasn't been active of late. Hope that means everyone is doing well. Let us all remember each other, though, as we enjoy the summer months ahead.

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Mark Schwartz, living in Boca Raton and based in Orlando, FL, is a senior captain at Southwest Airlines. Over the years, Mark has been writing twice-monthly articles for the Southwest Airlines Pilots Association newspaper. In addition, he is editor and publisher of his homeowner's association newsletter. He and his wife, Ruth, welcomed their fourth grandchild this past February. Last year, Mark and Ruth were hit by a hit-and-run driver while riding their new, highly customized Harley Davidson Ultra Classic. They both suffered fractured bones and road burns. The motorcycle has been repaired and is once again as good as new. A miraculous recovery as well for the Schwartzes, as they relaxed and recuperated at their vacation home in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. Mark plans to retire from his airline career on his birthday in 2006. They plan to immediately hit the road on a world tour on their Harleys. \* John Duffy sent an e-mail praising again the fine effort of our 2003 reunion committee, especially the great work of Dave Griffith, our reunion committee chairman. John listed names of many of our friends and fellow classmates who enjoyed the weekend festivities, including Tommy Dolan, Kip Doran, Phil DiBelardino, Jack Carey and many many others. John also mentioned that Bob Halli is the chairman of the honors program at the University of Alabama. \* Jim and I had a great time ushering in the new year with dear friends and fellow classmates at the San Francisco Bowl Game. We traveled the party circuit with Ellie and Bill Gerson, Sue (Walsh) and Loren Miller, and Maryann and Paul Gleason. Enjoyed a fun visit with friends Maureen and Kip Doran. We enjoyed talking with our friend Reid Oslin, as well. Reid's oldest daughter, Tierney, graduated from BC's Lynch School of Education last May. Reid had the honor of presenting her with her diploma. Tierney's brother, Reid T. ('01), is also a grad. Additionally, Reid is currently writing an anecdotal history of Boston College football, which will be published in the fall. If any classmates have tales from the Jim Miller era of BC football, please send them along to Reid c/o the BC Public Affairs Office. \* Thank you to all of our classmates who keep the e-mail mailbox filled... enjoy the summer sun!



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Pick a good spot and they will come... and they did. Twenty-one of us gathered together on a Monday night in January at NYC's Metrazur Restaurant in Grand Central Station. Thank you **Ellen Flynn, Bernadette (Pi) Fogel Mansur and Patsy Ankner Forelle** for putting it all together. The e-mails were fast and furious and elicited responses from classmates across the country. **Dorothy Largay** (remember the pink jeep?) wrote that she was unable to make it because she would be at home that night... in Santa Barbara, CA. **Julia Lopez** was out of the country... or she would have come. **Jan McKenna Fife, Deirdre Gaquin and Cathy Hardy Bobzien** also regretted not being able to attend but plan to get something going in the DC area. When they do, **Jeanette Darby Bane**, who has lived in Denver, CO, for the past 33 years, will plan a trip east to visit her son who lives in DC. **Gail Edwards Medeiros** ('71) reported that she is enjoying her recent retirement after 35 years working for the Massachusetts Department of Social Services. As for those who did attend... it was great to see **Tina Cahill Mattimore**, a clothing designer, who wore one of her own awesome silk jacket creations. She caught up with former Newton friend **Jeanne Daley**, who has just embarked on a new career as a real estate agent for The McIntosh Co. on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. **Mary Fran De Petro Murphy and Carolyn Brady O'Leary** were in town for the Giftware Show. Perfect timing for our mini-reunion! They were joined by good friend **Barbara (Bowie) Farrell**, who came across the bridge from Brooklyn. Roommates **Martha Harrington Kennedy and Kathy Hogan Mullaney** got a chance to catch up. Kathy is spearheading a 60th birthday event and would like everyone to forward their suggestions (krhm@attbi.com). Hmm... Paris, the Caribbean... **Reggie Kelly Kendig, Denise Corsa Rehder and Ann McCreery** took the train in from CT. Reggie is selling real estate and Denise is a school librarian. Anne and her husband have joined the ranks of those who have downsized and will split their time up here with boating in Florida. **Katie O'Connor Schmidt**, who is a managing director of Deutsche Bank Private Wealth Management, was just a subway ride away. **Julie Gehan Tonks** came down from Vermont and **Barbara Hensler** was in from Virginia. **Jane Sullivan Burke, Tita Sabadie** and I had a short ride in from Westchester. **Jamie Coy** circulated pictures from our last reunion in May, and **Margaret Connorton Reilly** had pictures from our "early years" on campus. We may have changed "a bit," but our spirit and sense of fun remains the same! It was a great night and we all look forward to the next gathering. Keep those e-mails coming...

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**Jim Malone** recently joined, as partner, the New York law firm of Winston & Strawn LLP. Jim's principal office will be in New York City and he will also have an office in Chicago, IL. Jim will continue his tax and tax controversy practice. Jim's wife, Alice, and children, Virginia and Katie, live in New Canaan, CT. Virginia is a sophomore at Manhattanville College where she plays on the women's soccer and basketball teams. Katie is a freshman at St. Luke's School in New Canaan. The Malones summer on Nantucket where Jim maintains his four handicap in golf. Jim was one of three senior golfers who qualified for the final round in the annual Ouimet Foundation Golf Tournament last summer. \* **John Lohmann** is settling into his new home (still being built) in Grantham, NH. The Lohmanns' daughter, Christine, a chemical corps captain in the Army Reserves, spent from the end of March to July 2003 on active duty in Iraq. Her older brother, Scott, a missile analyst, started a three-month tour in Baghdad in January 2004. Their youngest son, Scott, and his wife, Emily, are residing in Richmond, VA. \* **Pete DeNunzio** and his wife, Cyndi, report that their youngest son, Dominic, has been accepted at Harvard for this fall's class. Dominic is an excellent wrestler earning high school All-American honors in Florida. The DeNunzios reside in Palm Harbor, FL.

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Gosh, I can't remember when I started writing this column, but as of this issue I've tried to contact each of you by alphabetical order. Now with my new computer print-out, I'll be contacting you again, but this time by zip code. So when you hear from me, please share a bit of your life with us. **Jeanne Fanelli Vallimont** did. For the last 30 years, she's lived in Union City, 20 miles south of Erie, PA, where she continues to enjoy the coziness of only 2,000 residents. Jeanne has been married to **Patrick Vallimont**, a former priest, for the past 26 years. They have one child, Cara, her daughter from her first marriage to **Jim McGuiness** who died in March 1976. Cara is married and lives in Erie with a million dogs and cats but no grandkids yet. Jeanne's husband is a supervisor in the welfare office and very active in their parish assisting different pastors who have always gladly accepted his help and expertise. Jeanne runs a little shop called the Clothes Clinic. She takes in dry cleaning, which she sends up to Erie, plus she sews, alters and mends clothes and does "tons of bridal work." She's been at this for 11 years and loves it. "Go figure," she says. Besides the Clothes Clinic,

Jeanne helped found a shelter for battered women called Safe Horizons and now 25 years later she is the "old lady" on the board. Thanks for the news, Jeanne. \* After many years of teaching, **Teddy Thompson Helfrich** will retire this June as department head of foreign languages from Brockton High School. \* Rumor has it that **Peggy Burns Ludeke** has purchased a vacation home in Savannah, GA. \* **Margaret B. King** is the author of *Tadpole Tales: Teaching Children Reading and Journal Writing*. \* Got news? Please e-mail me!

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**Patti Bruni Keefe** writes that this past Father's Day was a family milestone. She and her husband, John, celebrated the first time in two years that they and all 11 children (plus son-in-law and granddaughter) were in the same place at the same time. They marked the occasion with a Family Fun Day complete with a barbecue, skits, soccer game and specially designed T-shirts. Patti works full time as director of admissions at Montrose School and John, a lawyer, specializes in obtaining social security disability benefits for clients. The Keefe children are a busy crew. Emily lives nearby in West Roxbury with husband Mike, a lawyer at Ropes and Gray, and their two children – a toddler and a newborn. Johnny lives in London, pursuing an actor's life. He won a small speaking role in the film adaptation of the Broadway show "Proof." Look for him on the silver screen amidst co-stars Gwyneth Paltrow and Anthony Hopkins. Peter works in New York for the WaterStone Group, a nonprofit promoting better media programming content. Tricia studied at New York's Culinary Institute of America. Betsy is at Notre Dame; Joe at Harvard. Joe's solo on the Din and Tonics' "Green Album" was nominated for a national *a capella* award. James is at Providence College, working as a DJ and singing *a capella*. He still found time to wait in line for three days to try out for "American Idol." Molly, a high school junior, spent a month living with family friends in Spain, and Helen, a fresh-



man, traveled to Yucatan, Mexico, to visit a classmate; both also sing in their school a *capella* group. The younger boys, Tom and Paul, attended Spanish immersion camp. When Tom recently transferred from St. John's School to the Boston Archdiocesan Choir School, he ended a continuous 22-year stretch of Keefe children at St. John's. \* Other news of note: Liz Scannell Burke and her husband, Jack, are renovating a house along a Plymouth pond; alums in the area may want to get in touch. \* When last I spoke to Harriet Mullaney, she was on her way to El Salvador as a presidential election observer. Having recently spent five weeks in El Salvador studying Spanish and political issues, she was looking forward to reuniting with Salvadoran friends. When she returns to the States, Harriet plans to search for a community relations job in Denver, CO. In addition, she tutors in an inner-city school and works with the Denver Justice and Peace Committee. \* Harriet recently saw Kathy Kearney – unfortunately, under difficult circumstances as Kathy visited Denver to see a younger brother undergoing serious cancer surgery. But Kathy and her sister Bonnie were able to spend time catching up with Harriet. Kathy enjoys living in Scottsdale, AZ, working for a travel company and, in her limited spare time, gardening prodigiously. Recalling fond memories of Newton days, Harriet reports Kathy still “is her same funny self.” We wish her and her family well. \* Thanks to all who have sent news. Please continue to keep in touch.

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Peter Oberto of Lexington will be heading to Vail, CO, with his wife, Marnie, for the summer wedding of their daughter Christine. \* Joe Collins reports on the annual reunion, in Connecticut, of John Mashia, Charley McBride, Russ Pavia and John Flynn. The group met for dinner at Michael Jordan's restaurant inside the Mohegan Sun casino. After some blackjack action, they headed for the Mashias' home in Killingworth. Weekend activities included listening to oldies, eating pasta, busting chops, playing Trivial Pursuit and taking an exciting side trip to the local Elk's Club to play Golden Tee. The group extends special thanks to Roberta Pavia for allowing SOP to attend. Sounds like Hollywood could be contacting this group for the next reality series! \* Condolences are extended to Mark Holland and family on the death of his father, Daniel G. Holland ('35). Mr. Holland's wake and funeral were attended by many from BC as Dan was a “Triple Eagle” with the distinction of being recognized as a recipient of the McKenney Award for outstanding leadership and the BC Law School Founders' Medal. In 1993 the Law School also established the Daniel G. Holland Lifetime Achievement Award in his

honor. This former marine and father of four serves as a bright light to all as an example of a life well lived by “aiming high.” \* Ed Saunders, Bob Foley and Chris Gorgone organized a very enjoyable Class of 1971 reception at the BC Club in downtown Boston. In attendance were our hockey goalie, Jim Barton, Michael Costello, John Dondero, Andrea Foley, Jack Hagan, Tom Lynch, Peter Maguire, Bob Maher, Dianne Levasseur O'Connell and husband John ('70), Steven Picardo, Mike Amico, Brian Cunha, David Castiglioni, and Bob Lucey and his wife, Mary. It was the first of hopefully many such receptions. \* Fr. Tom Maguire is the pastor of St. Helen's in Norwell. I recently attended Mass in this beautiful church and was pleased to observe a vibrant parish. Well done, Tom. \* James R. Centorino (GA&S '75) is the author of a newly released physics book for Cliffs Notes entitled *Cliffs AP Physics B & C* (published by John Wiley & Sons). A trumpet soloist in the BC band between 1967 and 1975, James (“Rocco”) has been a physics teacher in the Boston and Los Angeles, CA, school systems.

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I got the new year off to a good start as an Eagle fan. After watching on TV as BC became the only team in college football with a bowl win in every season of the 2000s, I got to watch the Rose Parade from a front-row seat courtesy of John and Marilyn Coll. Afterward, I went to the Rose Bowl and saw Willie Poole (formerly BC '04) lead his USC Trojans to a national championship. A week later, Fr. Leahy came to town, and I got to visit with Brian Corrigan (who was in the midst of remodeling his home in Corona del Mar). \* I've had a couple of requests to follow up on items from previous columns. Francis Gormley asked me to mention that he and his wife, Terry, celebrated their 30th anniversary last year in Rockville, MD. \* Bud Kofron, who related the sad news of the death of Jim Forest, asked me to elaborate. Jim was a real estate developer in Nashua, NH, who had a master's degree from MIT and who was very active in civic affairs. He was a trustee of a conservancy that manages many acres of land in Maine. He leaves a widow and three children. Bud is a 29-year employee of Ft. Monmouth, NJ, and a resident of Interlaken on the Jersey Shore. He and his wife have a son who attends the University of Miami. \* I'd like to commend the members of the class who were among those in the highest category of donors in the recent Campaign for Boston College: Connie Voldstad, my classmate from the Tuck School at Dartmouth and

a former top executive with Merrill Lynch; Spring Lake, NJ, businessman Mike Argyelian; three of our Harvard Law School graduates: the often mentioned Ken Felter, who has scored many wins for BC in its legal battles with the city of Newton, Matt Botica, who is managing partner of a firm in Chicago, IL, and Phil Marzetti, who is a partner in the firm of Paul, Hastings in Atlanta, GA; Chuck Scobbo, who has his own firm in Boston, and his wife, Mary; and corporate tax attorney John Madigan. \* Congratulations also to Maureen Corbett Blair, a probation officer in Brookline, who was cited recently at the Massachusetts State House for her exemplary service over the past 30 years. \* One other note: Tom Holley writes that he's ending his service on the Maitland, FL, city council, where he's served for the last six years, now that he's term-limited. As usual, please send news.

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Sadly, we lost a Newton treasure with the passing of Sister Frances Cunningham, RSCJ, in January. Sister Cunningham served as a professor of biology at Newton from 1952 until 1973. \* Meg Barres Alonso and Mario are now living in a retirement community. Their family life is very busy. After graduating from Millersville University with a degree in meteorology, Matt is working in Troy, NY. During his first year at Princeton, Mike made the chorus and volunteered every weekend at a shelter for teen runaways. Meg is enjoying her work at the Health Department bouncing around from mad cow to agroterrorism to rabies to childhood obesity. Mario is branching out into advising family-owned businesses besides his regular clinical practice. Look for his “Ask the Corporate Shrink” columns in two business journals and his work as contributing editor in Rodale's *Best Life*. \* Anita Nodarse is an adjunct faculty member teaching vocational English to speakers of other languages at Miami Dade College, a tutor coordinator for a United States Department of Education Title VII grant program, a representative for Primerica Financial Services and a consultant for career transition specialists Drake Bearn Morin Inc. \* Mary-Catherine Deibel held a get-together at UpStairs on the Square in January. Attendance was strong and the spirits high. Recent visitors to the restaurant include Marilyn Scully Walsh whose son John will be graduating from Harvard with a BA and master's degree in Middle Eastern Studies. Also at the restaurant were President William P. Leahy, SJ, brought by Jim Hayes, SJ. \* Thanks to Susan Jaquet ('73), a bench in honor of Duchesne West is now in the garden at Kenwood. \* Shelley Noone Connolly and Mike write that Meghan is enjoying her freshman year at Boston College, living in Keyes on the Newton campus.



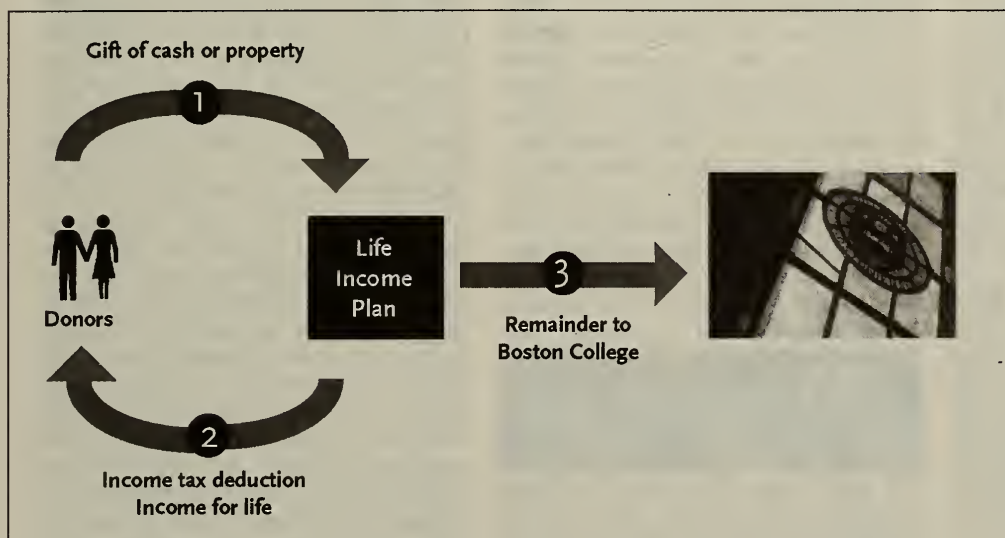


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'73

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Rob Boova writes, "It is early Sunday morning, and I am reading *Boston College Magazine* while enjoying the quiet before the storm (calls from the hospital, morning rounds, emergencies, etc.). The winter 2004 issue has several interesting entries, including BC's first Rhodes Scholars (two), the Massachusetts Supreme Court decision on middle campus construction, the University's bid to acquire some of the Boston Archdiocese land, the web cam to view several sites on the campus and BC's ongoing initiative regarding the Church in the 21st century. I enjoy reading the notes on our friends from the classes of '72 and '74, but have noticed that the class of '73 is somewhat absent. I recently saw John Powers at the closing event at Bapst Library for the very successful Ever to Excel campaign. John is a trustee and his family has been very involved with and generous to BC. I had dinner with Kevin Ahearn (a few years ahead of us, BC Hockey). We enjoyed trading BC athletics stories. His account of the Sapporo Olympics was great listening. John Lally lives in Atlanta, has a wonderful family, including two handsome sons and a lovely wife, and works as a venture capitalist as best I can determine. He still has no shoulders, which warrants the nickname he earned in college, "Rocket" (his torso shaped like the fuselage of a spaceship served him well as a collegiate wrestler at BC). Jim Mullin has moved to Australia with his new wife and children. Will we ever see him again?? Doug Goransson resides in beautiful Marblehead. He works on Newbury Street as a marketing consultant. Doug and Janice have two great kids. Terry O'Donnell lives in suburban Boston and still has season tickets to BC football. Terry and Kathy have two lovely daughters, the first of whom is a graduate of University of Pennsylvania and is poised to set the world on fire (she must have Kathy's gene pool). John Lamanna (we were classmates at BC and Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia) lives in Reading, PA. He has been the team doctor for the Reading Phillies (AA) even though he has a busy plastic surgery practice (how many people in Reading need face-lifts??). If anyone knows more about BC athletics than John, I would like to meet him or her. John was at both the BC-Penn State and BC-Temple football games. Bill Atkins is a practicing obstetrician in West Chester, PA. Most of Bill's family members are physicians. Pat Gregorius moved to New Hampshire, never to be heard from again. I think he is awaiting the reincarnation of Elvis. Dennis Belisle still lives in New York City where he remains on Wall Street, according to John Powers. Periodically I see Pat Carney ('70), our former RA from the Strathmore House (1969-70), at BC func-

tions. Pat is very involved at BC. I haven't heard from Tom Mug lately. At last contact Tom was an attorney (we definitely need more lawyers in this world) living in St. Louis, MO. Tom, where are you?? Marguerite Candon still lives in Washington, DC, and Mary Lou Ryan was in suburban Boston the last time I heard from them (I think at our 25th reunion). Dave Freitag is a dermatologist in the Washington, DC, area. I see Dave when BC plays Navy at Annapolis. Dave is still tall. Chet Gladchuk is the AD at Navy. Navy dominated Army in the annual classic in Philadelphia this year. Chet must be pleased about the outcome of the most important game between the service academies. Finally, Peg and I still live in Newtown Square, PA. We have four children (one out of BC last year, a senior and a freshman at BC; our freshman is on the varsity woman's swim team and having a ball; our senior is doing her internship with the Celtics). I have been practicing cardiac surgery at Bryn Mawr Hospital since 1986 and am the division chief for our Main Line Health System Hospitals. Recently, I completed a master's degree from the Health Policy Department at the Harvard School of Public Health. It's an interesting experience to be a student again (I actually had times when I studied in the O'Neill Library at BC). I am now back to my day job. Despite the travails of medicine in Pennsylvania, we have been very fortunate. Life has been good to our family. Regards to the members of BC '73."

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It is with sadness that I report that Joanie Loiacono Tardis recently died in New London, CT, after a long battle with cancer. Joanie graduated with honors from Newton with a degree in psychology. After graduation, she worked in social services. She loved music, played the piano and excelled in many crafts, particularly art. She leaves her husband, Gerard, and her daughter, Erica. Our condolences to her family and friends.

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Hi everyone! By the time you're reading this our 30th reunion will be history. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard on its planning and who came to party! Why is it that the "Golden Eagles" look so much younger every year? \* I am hoping to have a lot of updates for the next column; if I did not see you at the reunion, please email me and let me know what you're doing. \* Best wishes to Joe Abely and Susan Reilly Cerrone who were married last June. Joe has been at Lojack for 15 years where he is president. His oldest son just graduated from University of Virginia Law School, two are at BC and his youngest is

entering high school in the fall. Congratulations! \* John Nucci is keeping busy teaching in the MPA program at Suffolk University, consulting for ABCD and having been elected to serve as Suffolk County Clerk of the Superior Court in Boston. \* My family is fine, with our second oldest, Elizabeth, now a BC alumna. Time really is flying. \* I am very sorry to inform the class about the death of Tom Sasso, who died after an auto accident on January 1. Tom leaves his wife, Katie, and his 14-year-old daughter, Allison, and many, many dear friends. He was a real estate lending specialist in New York City. Please remember Tom's family and friends in your prayers. Thanks and take care.

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Many thanks to Mary Ellen Keyser for responding to my constant plea for news notes and for writing this issue's column. Mary Ellen's notes arrived November 30, 2003: too late for the last issue. I hope you enjoy Mary Ellen's updates as much as I! \* Mary Ellen writes: "I've had an amazing year-plus of Newton connections that I want to share with you and our classmates. It all started in July 2002 when I was exploring the beach detritus beneath the Southeast Lighthouse on Block Island when I met our classmate Susan Closter and her husband, Carlos. Susan was working in administration at the private school attended by one of her children. Two months later, my phone rang and it was Joanne Smith Stevens. Joanne had transferred to Smith College after our sophomore year at Newton, but always held her Newton ties dear. Joanne is a social worker in a hospital in the Hartford area. She and her husband, Dick, have two daughters, one a Tufts graduate, and their son is now sharing the same dorm floor as my son Matthew at Providence College. \* On New Year's Day '03 I received a phone call from Patty Devlin Driskel from her home in Santa Barbara, CA. Patty wondered if I might be able to meet her in New York City where she was going to spend President's Day with Chris Szymanski, who also transferred our sophomore year. Patty is the art director for an advertising

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agency just north of Santa Barbara, with major clients in the food and wine business. She and her husband, Dana, and their daughters, Jean and Julianna, live in a spectacular house they literally built themselves high in the foothills. This past summer Patty and her family went to Ireland. This was especially poignant for Julianna who is a champion Irish dancer. Chris Szymanski lives in Bergen County, NJ. Chris recently retired from a lengthy career in the publishing business and was taking time to explore new opportunities. \* During the next weeks, I arranged a perfect 51st birthday weekend for myself. On February 14, Joanne Smith Stevens, Katie Welch and Ellen Conner Lacetena boarded the same train from various stops in New England and arrived at the Philadelphia station, directly across from my office at Drexel University. They shared my birthday dinner with me; my husband, Nelson; and our daughter, Elizabeth (16). Katie Welch; her husband, Kevin Carroll; and their daughters, Tracy and Nora, live in Westboro. Katie is a social worker and a championship team local girls' basketball coach. Ellen Conner Lacetena and her husband, Bob, live in Ashland with their daughter, Alex. Ellen retired from social work in Chicago, IL, when Alex was born. Now back in New England, Ellen is a stay-at-home mom volunteering at school and in Alex's second grade activities. \* On Sunday we took the train to New York. Upon our arrival at our Manhattan hotel, we met Nancy Grebey. Nancy hosted us for cocktails in her elegant Manhattan condo. She is an executive vice president with Draft Worldwide, a global marketing firm. As a group account director, she is based in Manhattan, travels frequently and counts Verizon among her clients. Then we were off for dinner with Patty, Chris, Jean O'Leary Gaffney and Gloria McPike Tamlyn. Jean is a human resources executive with Verizon in Manhattan. She and husband Mark live in Westchester County, NY. Gloria is the vice-president of advertising for TSE, continuing a long career in the fashion industry, including executive positions with Dior, Armani and Anne Klein. She and her husband, Ralph, live in Larchmont, NY, with their son, Sean." Mary Ellen's notes are to be continued next column!

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#### REUNION YEAR

Hello everyone. A fabulous night was enjoyed by all who attended the 16th Annual Second Helping Gala on Saturday, April 3, 2004, at the beautiful Gillette Stadium Fidelity Clubhouse. All proceeds benefited the Greater Boston Food Bank's Second Helping Program. Highlights included gourmet foods, open bar, live jazz and a large variety of items provided through silent and live auctions. Thank you to Patricia McNabb Evans and James Evans and the entire committee

for a fabulous and successful evening. \* Congratulations to Timothy P. Condon who was named deputy director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), a component of the National Institutes of Health. He will assist in developing, implementing and managing NIDA's programs, priorities, resources, policies and research dissemination efforts. In addition, he will continue to serve as director of the Institutes' Office of Science Policy and Communications (OSPC). NIDA is a large supporter of research on the health aspects of drug abuse and addiction. Tim received his BS in biology and psychology from Boston College and pursued his graduate education in neuroscience at the Department of Physiology in the College of Medicine at Ohio State University. He undertook postdoctoral training in neuroendocrinology and neurophysiology at the Brain Research Institute at UCLA, and the Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland. \* Vincent J. Russo, CELA, is the managing shareholder of the law firm of Vincent J. Russo and Associates, PC, of Westbury, Islandia, Smithtown and Lido Beach, NY. He earned his law degree from Fordham Law School and his master's of law in taxation from Boston University School of Law. He is admitted to the New York, Massachusetts and Florida state bars and is the co-author of *New York Elder Law Practice* (West Group and Consumer Books), *A Will Is Not Enough in New York* as well as consulting attorney of *When Someone Dies in New York*, both published by Eagle Publishing Co. Vincent is a nationally recognized author, lecturer and authority in elder law and was the only elder law attorney named in *Who's Who in Law by Long Island Business News*. He has been a special guest on many radio and television programs, including "CBS Sunday Morning," NBC's "Today Show," CNN, CNBC, The Fox News Network, CSPAN II, Telecare, WCBM, WRHU and News 12 Long Island. He is co-founder of the Theresa Alessandra Russo Foundation which assists children with special needs. An upcoming "Swingin' for Theresa Golf Outing" will be held on Monday, June 21, 2004 at the Woodcrest Country Club in Syosset, NY. \* Sadly, we have learned about the death of Anne Healy Osman in September 2003. Anne succumbed to breast cancer after a valiant five-year battle with the disease. We will all remember Anne's brilliance and her beauty. She was a summa cum laude graduate and a member of the Phi Beta Kappa society. Most of all, she was completely down to earth and loved to have fun. After graduation, Anne completed a master's degree in French and moved to Paris, where she met her husband, Farid, and moved to Morocco in the late 1970s. They have a son, Amin, and daughter, Jaziya. Anne taught at the Casablanca American School for the past 17 years and was the director for the past five years. Anne's brother Phillip is BC '85. Several of Anne's friends would like to get together to

have a small memorial Mass for her this summer at BC. If you are interested, please contact Susan Darveau Murphy at [casamurph@comcast.net](mailto:casamurph@comcast.net). She will try to arrange a time when most people can attend. I would like to thank Susan and Mary Kane for sending me the obituary. \* Until the next column have a great summer and keep the e-mails coming in.

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#### REUNION YEAR

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The estimable Jann Wells asked that the plight of Brazilians affected by that nation's February flooding be propagated, as there is an ongoing need to respond to the hunger, disease and decimation left after the waters receded. Her missive reminds one of Mother Theresa's famous responses to the high-paid newswoman who, filming the holy woman's work, said: "I wouldn't do this for a million dollars." Mother Theresa simply said, "Neither would I." \* If you still have the last issue of this magazine, make sure you check out the letter sent in by our own Chuck Sheehan. \* Kathleen O'Toole was named the first woman police commissioner by Boston Mayor Tom Menino. \* A special thank you from this address to Judy Harvey Hayes, Pola Papetti Buckley, Wilfred Morrison, Beth Hurley Falzarano and Kathy Murphy for helping this writer celebrate the "Big 5-0". It was a painless transition, one made memorable by the presence of such good friends. And thanks for our BC days together! \* Please take a few moments to write your humble correspondent. May all have a wonderful, healthy and happy summer. God bless!

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A belated congratulation to John Bourke who was named the 2002 Collin County Father of the Year. John lives in Plano, TX, with his wife, Elena, his daughter, Lauren (17), and his son, Christopher (13). John and Elena, who met during a high school play in Mineola, NY, will be celebrating their 27th anniversary this July. John attributes his success as Father of the Year to using the model of parenting handed down from his and Elena's parents: "unconditional love of our kids." "The best way to do that," he says, "is through unrelenting pursuit of faith and complete and utter devotion to each other as husband and wife." John's two pearls of wisdom for men who want to be good dads are: "Adore your wives and stay curious with your kids." \* John Traynor, a Kostka Hall gang member, lives in



the suburb of Alpharetta, GA, a northern suburb of Atlanta, with his wife of 23 years, three sons and two dogs. His sons are 19, 16 and 13 and are all great kids. His wife's family cheers for the Irish, which causes their sons to be torn between the Irish and the Eagles whenever the two colleges meet upon the battlefield of sports. John's eldest son is studying digital media production down in Georgia. His 16-year-old is seriously considering attending BC. John is a vice president with ACNielsen, the marketing research company. That doesn't mean he stands in malls and ask questions. The company supplies information to the consumer packaged goods (manufacturers and retailers) industry. We wish the best of health for John who had a heart attack on February 21, 2002. He was back at work after about 12 weeks. John is currently doing fine while learning to like salmon and veggie burgers and trying to exercise more. \* **Andrea Dietrich** was named a leadership fellow at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA. The fellowships are part of Virginia Tech's ongoing efforts to increase the number of women electing to pursue or remain in academic careers in science and engineering. Andrea is associate professor of civil and environmental engineering at the university. \* **Pam (Pomon) Jackson** recently celebrated her 25th wedding anniversary with her husband, Richard, and their two children, Joe and Kimberly. They have been living in Hopkinton since 1985. Hopkinton is the town where the Boston marathon starts. Pam invites anyone who is running in the marathon to use her home as his or her base. Pam owns her own advertising company, Hometown Hospitality, and is happy to inform us that her former BC roommates are all happy and doing well. \* **Jude Ryan Cohen**, **Anne Elliott Goldfisher** and **Deborah Ciervo Wenger** are all enjoying the excitement of teenage and young adult children. I think most of us can relate to such joy! \* **Judy, Anne and Deborah**, and any other Class of 1977 classmates, please drop me a line for the summer edition. My home e-mail is nkydes4354@aol.com and my telephone number is 203-829-9122.

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And the world gets smaller and smaller... my hubby took me out for my birthday recently (my eighth 40th birthday) and we sat next to none other than **Charlie McCool** and his wife, **Aniela**. The McCools are also residents of New Canaan, CT, and are friendly with **Alan Quartucci's** sister, who lives in our town as well. All of our BC chatter led to talk of a Mod reunion that **Dan Gallagher** is trying to orchestrate. Well, it turns out I had just received an e-mail from **Pete LaChapelle** about the very same thing. Apparently the gents are hoping that they and **Alan Q. Greg Keyes**, **Duncan Fraser** and **Bruce Fador** can

pull off a dinner in New York City and maybe a round of golf the next day. Pete wants to put an APB out on **Brian Owen**, so if anybody can help, please e-mail Pete at plachappelle@pizatatoday.com. Pete also reports that he is remarried to a woman named **Dayna** and he now has four children, ages eight months, six years, 18 and 21! \* **Joyce Gallagher Sullivan's** daughter, **Julie Courtney** (known as **Courtney**, but hey - the first name still sounds good to me), recently landed a job with *Allure Magazine* in New York. \* The Big Apple is also home to **George Cornell**, proud and happy papa of **Alexandra** and **G. Peter** and a newborn as this column goes to press. George also reports that **Alex (5)** is a cancer survivor and he and his wife, **Lila**, wish to thank the BC family for their kind love and support. \* Getting support and recognition is **Peter Blute**, who has been chosen by *Talkers Magazine*, the Bible of talk radio, as one of the "100 Most Important Talk Show Hosts in America." Peter, a former US Congressman from Shrewsbury can be heard in the morning drive time on Boston's WRKO (680 AM). \* Also in the Boston area is **Bob Mucci** who is a partner in the Wolpert Insurance Agency. Bob's oldest daughter, **Deanna**, graduated from BC last year. \* **Jack Foley's** oldest daughter is a junior at BC. He also has a 16-year-old daughter and five-year-old son. Jack revealed that our 25th reunion set a strong precedent for our future reunions, with 412 attending! Hurray for us! \* And last but not least, **Rick McDonald** told me that "BC is buying Notre Dame in its expansion plans for 2004 and it will be known as Middle Campus from now on." Well, I asked for rumors and so he happily provided! If any more of you can provide some scoop on fellow classmates (or yourselves!) please pop off an e-mail (put "BC '78" in the subject box).

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Hi! **Joe Donlavey** has been with ArtsBoston for 10 years as the director of programs, Bostix and travel and tourism. He oversees the operation of the ticket booths, works with the Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau and has been an officer in the Greater Boston Concierge Association on and off over the past few years. He also takes groups on cultural trips around the world. It sure sounds like a fun job! \* **Tom Oberdorf** and friends decided after the last reunion to have a yearly dinner. Tom organizes the event at The Capital Grille and informed all that he was going to update me. It was one of the funnier letters that I have received over the years. **Mark Joslyn (Jos)** flew in from Chicago, where he works at New York Life, and by the end of the night he had financial plans for all. **Michael Horton (Hort)** was there but by the end of the night Tom didn't know if he worked for Mass Electric or whether that was just his cover for playing golf every day. **Jeff**

**Cammins** owns his own business in Rhode Island and has told Tom a million times what he does, but Tom doesn't recall the details. **John Naughton (Naughty)** runs Naughton Construction and has children, but Tom added that he couldn't remember how many or the ages of anyone's children. **Ted Macek (Theo)** has a law practice in Natick. **John DiStefano (Mack)** is working for NEES Communications and is married to **Lori McNamara**. **Bill Casey (Case)** works for IBC in the Boston area. **Keith Shaughnessy** and **Fred Mills** weren't able to make it. As for **Tom (Ob)**, he moved up to the Boston area two years ago and is working at CMGI as a chief financial officer. Thanks for the letter, Tom, and if any of the people mentioned would like to clarify or add anything, please feel free to contact me. **D.J. Long** is the VP of business development at VFA, Inc., in Boston, a services and software company. He and his wife, **Michelle**, live in Hopkinton and spend the summer at their home in Cotuit. Their daughter, **Catherine**, is a plebe at the US Naval Academy, where she is also on the varsity sailing team. Their son, **Patrick**, is a third former at the Kent School in Connecticut. \* **Deb (Foss) Cox** sent her annual holiday letter. She works as a manager for the Internal Materials Logistics and Materials Management Organization departments of Heidelberg Digital, LLC. Her son, **Steven**, is in the fifth grade and her daughter, **Kristin**, is studying biology at Monroe Community College and would like to become a veterinarian. Her husband, **Steve**, is an engineer for Kodak. \* During senior year at BC, **James Moses** answered an ad for a part-time job with a small start-up non-profit organization called Elderhostel. After graduation he accepted a full-time job as registrar of Elderhostel. In 2002, after 23 years, he was selected as president and CEO of Elderhostel, which provides educational programming for older adults, 55 and over. \* I am writing this column in March and you will probably be reading it in June. By then we will have celebrated our "25th" and I will already have sent that column in... So, the next BC Magazine will have reunion news in it!

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#### REUNION YEAR

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As you may have seen, our very own Mayor of the Mods, **Tim Chapman**, better known as "Chap," ran for a spot on the Alumni Board of Directors. Chap lives in East Providence, RI, and is married with two boys (4 and 2). He has a solo law practice in East Providence and has been the city lawyer for 12 years. He is also a board member for East Bay Mental



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Health Center and St. Brendan's School and a former board member for EP Boys and Girls Club. He also finds time to coach youth leagues. Chap currently volunteers with BC admissions and the BC Varsity Club. He is also a past president of the BC Cage Club (basketball booster club). In his spare time he owns the Smoothie King franchise in Providence. \* **Bob Shea** recently moved to the law firm of Morse, Barnes-Brown & Pendleton in Waltham. He and his wife, Julie (also a BC grad), live in Westwood with their three daughters. He can't escape having all the women around him. \* **John Battaglia** is the owner of The Cambridge Mortgage Group. Bags lives in Hingham with his wife and three children. Bags was recently nominated for Hingham Man of the Year. He's very involved with coaching youth sports in Hingham (and still hogs the basketball). \* **George McGoldrick** is the founder and owner of Blackrock Country Club in Hingham. George lives in Cohasset with his wife and three children. He's looking to go on the senior golf tour in a few years. \* **Mike Giunta** is a law partner with Donovan Hatem in Boston and lives in North Reading with his wife and two boys. Mike coaches youth sports (and is a better golfer than George and Bags). \* **Paul and Jane Brazeau** live in New York with their two boys. Paul is director of basketball operations for the NBA and Jane is a nurse. Paul is still working on his jump shot. \* **Tom and Karen Byrne** are successful owners of Byrne Bookstores and live in East Longmeadow with their four children. Tom still sharpens his elbows when he goes out to play basketball. \* **Tim Cruz** was elected district attorney for Plymouth County. \* **John Schlosstein**, a longtime employee of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, lives in West Brookfield with his wife and three children. He still wears the Firestone hat on special occasions... \* **Greg Foy** is a bank officer with Citizens Bank and lives in Brookline with his wife and two boys. Greg attends BC football, hockey and basketball games on a regular basis. He also participates in the Pan Mass Bike Challenge every year, which raises money for cancer research. \* **Mike Deneen** is a law partner at O'Malley & Deneen in Windsor, CT, and lives with wife and six (our

hats off to you) children in Windsor. Mike follows UConn basketball but roots for BC over UConn. \* **Bruce Moeckel** is a successful orthopedic surgeon in Connecticut. He lives in Cromwell, CT, with his wife, Carol (also a BC alum), and four children (including triplets). Bruce counts Mike Deneen as one of his successful patients and still attempts to beat **John Saunders** and **John Hastings** in basketball at the Big East tournament each year. Look out ACC! \* **Don Gehan** and his two daughters, Meg (7) and Carolyn (5), have found themselves serving as fodder for the career of Don's wife, Erin, who is a freelance writer. They've been the subject of recent essays in *Old House Journal* and *New Jersey Monthly*. You can catch the latest in *Mothering Magazine's* May/June issue. Don says he's lately begun to behave himself under the threat of publication! Don and Erin went to Seattle last August and looked up **Mike Sinsky**. Mike showed them around for an afternoon. Don said that over drinks they swapped war stories on garage remodeling "MAN, has my life changed!" (Too bad I wasn't there - I have a few of those of my own.) Mike is an attorney for King County in Washington. Don is still the national category director for *US News* ("NO, I don't have input on the 'list!'",) and his documentary, "Liberty Corner," is in post-production. \* To my amazement, I'm back in the midst of the college search process, this time with our oldest child, Alli, a rising senior. Everyone always said the years would fly by. And they certainly have. At the other end of the spectrum, I spend the better part of my days trying to keep up with the youngest of our four children, John, who just turned three. If he's not hurling a lacrosse ball or a football, he's shooting hoops in our foyer or kicking the walls with his cleats. He's a high-energy little guy. My husband says he'll keep us young. I say he should speak for himself. The rascal's killing me!

## '82

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**Sandy (Jackson) Ballinghoff** has a graduate degree from the Columbia University School of Business, has been consulting in California for the past several years and is currently working both for a venture capital firm, Sensei Partners, and as VP of business development for a company that is creating the next generation of cardio fitness equipment. In her spare time, she's pursuing her latest passion - metalsmithing. I think I may have taken a course in that senior year... or was that "Personal Skills in Individual Sports"? \* I know I can always rely on **Diane Johnson Green** for updates. She wrote about the annual ski bash she, **Cindi Bigelow**, **Jill Stein Vaccaro** and **Maureen Jeffers Raub** had at Okemo, VT, in January. Lots of laughs reminiscing about the "old days." Diane works with Greg Shlopak as the manager of corpo-

rate services for Havensure. \* **Lisa Edmondson** and her husband, Kirk, have just returned from living in Brussels with their daughters, Katie (14) and Carly (12). The family has settled in Redondo Beach, CA. Lisa missed our 20th reunion, but she still gets Mods 37A & B updates from **Peggy Hoyt**, **Jeanne Casey** and others. \* The Mayor of Franklin, NH - **Tony Giunta** - has decided not to run for a third term. After the announcement, NH Governor Craig Benson nominated Tony to serve as the director of the Waste Management Division for the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. Good luck, Tony (yes, I successfully resisted the temptation of "waste management" puns!). \* Lots of news from **Russ Ryan** out of Washington, DC. He left his position as assistant director of enforcement at the SEC to become a partner with the firm King & Spalding LLP. He and his wife, Anne Matthews Ryan ('83, GSSW '84), live in Vienna, VA, with their four children, Andrew (17), Colleen (15), Patrick (12) and Jeannie (7). \* It was great to hear from **Bob Flanagan**, who lives in Summit, NJ. Bob is the president of First Investors Corporation in Manhattan. He and his wife, Linda, have three children, Julie (9), Jeff (8) and Paul (6). Bob went back to BC this winter to attend a finance conference. \* **Virginia Mary Rosen** was elected to the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. Membership to the society is awarded to graduates of nursing programs who have made outstanding contributions to nursing as community leaders. \* Send me some news, gang, before I get tempted to just make things up about you!

## '83

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Thanks to **Fred Mauriello** for the following update: David Maffei along with his wife, Kelly O'Brien Maffei, and their children, Katey, Nickolas and Caroline, hosted a get-together of the Mod 40B crew this summer. Attending were **Steve Tuthill**, wife Diane, and children James, Kevin, Matt and Kelsley; **Bill and Bev McGrory** with their daughters, Ainsley and Megan; **Mark Connelly**; and **Fred Mauriello**, his wife, Mary Laux, and their son, Joseph. \* **Daniel Head** wrote to inform us of his diagnosis and subsequent recovery from Hodgkin's Lymphoma Stage I: "The diagnosis was surprising, at least to me, for several reasons: I eat bran, drink green tea and practice yoga. I was lucky. Stage I meant an 85 to 90 percent chance of recovery. I've thanked God many times for being so lucky. We had great support. Tom Fay organized volunteers to join me at my weekly chemo sessions. Neighbors and parishioners brought meals to Karen and my three children often two times per week. Many folks kept us in their daily prayers." He would be happy to share more details about his diagnosis and recovery with any interested classmates. Feel free to contact



him at kdhead@rcn.com \* **Maureen McCarthy** was appointed director of research and development in the Department of Homeland Security by President George Bush. She was a Scholar of the College at BC and earned a PhD in chemical physics at the University of Colorado. *Chemical and Engineering News* (Sept. 29, Vol. 84, No. 39) describes Maureen as "one of the most influential scientists in America." Congratulations, Maureen!

'84

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Hello and happy spring. Here's the latest from our classmates. \* **Don Halloran** lives in San Antonio, TX, with his wife, Kathy, and two children, Dylan (5) and Andrea (9). They have lived in San Antonio for the last two years and enjoy the mild winters. Don is president of Southern Steel Company, which manufactures and installs detention equipment for prisons and other correctional facilities. Last spring, **Bob Lane** and **Geno Pawlak** both came down to San Antonio to see the NCAA basketball regional tournament. It was a great weekend for all and almost like old times at BC. Don's e-mail address is dhaloran@southernsteel.com. \* **Jim and Lori (Berrini) Byman** welcomed their fourth child, Lindsey Grace, on October 10, 2003. Upon her arrival home she was greeted by siblings Molly Katherine (13), James Charles (11) and Laura Elizabeth (5). Lori is currently home enjoying her baby but will return to her job as a fifth grade teacher in the Proctor School in Topsfield, where she job shares. Jim is a partner at McGladrey and Pullen, a CPA firm in Burlington. \* Massachusetts Senator **Cheryl Jacques** writes that after having the pleasure and honor to serve as the Massachusetts State Senator for Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex districts for the past 11 years, she is leaving her post to take a new position. She states she had the opportunity to work with many wonderful and talented people. Cheryl now heads to Washington, DC, to become the next president and executive director of the Human Rights Campaign. She will be re-locating with her partner, Jennifer, and their twin boys, Timmy and Tommy. Cheryl writes that she welcomes the thoughts and ideas of fellow BC alumni as well as their involvement in the Human Rights Campaign. Cheryl is located at 1630 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, and hopes BC alumni will stop in and say hello. \* **Anthony Stankiewicz** has been named president of the Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation (MBF). Tony was nominated and elected following a unanimous vote at the January 2004 Mass Bar Foundation Annual Meeting held in Boston. He has served on the MBF Board of Trustees since January 2001. Tony is an officer at the Boston Stock Exchange, Inc., and practices in the areas of federal and state corporate finance law, SRO rules and regula-

tions, federal and state government issues, in-house corporate matters and community relations. He is affiliated with the recently launched Boston Options Exchange, serving on its steering committee and handling corporate governance matters. Tony also serves as a trustee for the Boston Securities Traders Foundation, Inc., and the Women's Educational and Industrial Union. \* **Karen Rohan** was named president of CIGNA Dental, a dental care benefits provider. Since joining the company in 1991, Karen has served as financial officer and, most recently, as senior vice president of underwriting for CIGNA HealthCare. \* To those of you who wrote, thanks for your information. Hope to hear from others for the next edition. Enjoy summer.

'85

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#### REUNION YEAR

In September 2003, **Mary Beth Brobson Gately's** husband, Bill, threw a great surprise party for her 40th birthday down on Martha's Vineyard. They were vacationing with their three children and Mary Beth had no idea her girlfriends and families were joining them on the island. Some of the BC girls who attended were **Mary Bevelock**, **Terry Violette**, **Patty Standing Gillespie**, **Mary Kelley Cavanaugh** and **Barbara Fitzgibbon McKenna**. The old roommates, Mary Beth, Mary, Patty and Terry, decided to keep the celebrations going with a girls' weekend in New York City in late November to commemorate everyone's 40th! They were joined by **Phyllis Fleno**. Everyone had a great time and a lot of laughs and is looking forward to making it an annual event! \* **Mike King** is working as a litigator in Southern California for the firm **Hennelly & Grossfeld LLP**. In 2003 Mike had a great year at work; he won two jury trials – a defense verdict in a products liability case for a manufacturing client, and a \$1.6 million verdict for a client in a breach of contract case. According to Mike his wife does the really hard work staying home with their three kids – **Jimmy (8)**, **Steven (6)** and **Elizabeth (3)**. At home, Mike and his wife celebrated their 10th anniversary in 2003 and in June 2004 his son Jimmy will travel with their local church choir from Manhattan Beach, CA, to Rome, Italy, to sing for the Pope. \* In 2003 **Mary Mahoney Bloomer** and her husband, David, celebrated the arrival of **Kyle Jeremiah**. Mary and her family live in New York City. \* Special congratulations to my freshman hall-mate in Keyes North, **Cyndi Dupuis**, on her marriage on September 26, 2003, to **Tom Breen**. **Mary Kaczka**, her constant sidekick during those college years, was at the wedding with her new husband to cheer her on. A couple of weeks later, while still on her honeymoon, **Cyndi** celebrated her 40th birthday while cruising the southern Caribbean! The sun, rum and newlywed bliss really took

the sting out of the big 4-0!!! **Cyndi** returned from the honeymoon, packed up her house in Rhode Island and moved to Skippack, PA, about 25 miles northwest of Philadelphia, where Tom was transferred earlier this year. Until 2002 **Cyndi** had been working at **Textron** as the director of corporate financial operations, where her primary responsibilities were managing the financial control and risk management program for all of the divisions and the financial aspects of an active acquisition and divestiture process. It was a great career which took her all over the country and world, as far away as South Africa. **Cyndi** left **Textron** in 2002 to take some time to change direction and among other things became a certified personal trainer. Today **Cyndi** is enjoying a bit of a break, having fun decorating her new house, and is ready to start a new phase of life, hoping to pursue an entrepreneurial idea she has been developing. **Cyndi** is looking forward to our 25th reunion... Hoping to see many of the faces that bring back great memories, including **John Vollino** and of course those crazy girls from Keyes North Third, like **Mimi**, **Tammy**, **Sue**, **Laurie**, the **Ellens**, **Allison**, **Lynn** and of course, **Amy!!!** \* Please do try to drop me a note with some news!

'86

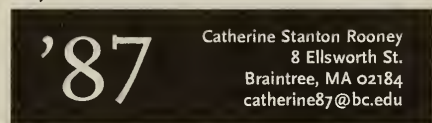
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Eighteen gentlemen from the Class of '86 gathered for the first annual "Idiot Convention" at Mohegan Sun Casino in Connecticut over Columbus Day Weekend. The event was the brain child of **Bob Keane**. Bob is currently fighting Hodgkin's disease and was unable to attend but was never far from anyone's thoughts. "Bubba" was "with" them the whole weekend! The attendees included **Ted Angelus** (hi Teddy!!) who lives and works in New York City. He owns a recruiting and staffing business. **Tom Bergwall** practices law in Essex Falls, NJ, and was recently married. Congrats to Tom! **Mike Buckley** and his wife, Patricia, live in New York City where Mike runs a consulting company. **John Cahill** and **Mimi Bransfield Cahill** live in Sudbury with their three children (10, 8 and 1). John works for Fidelity Investments in Boston. **Bill** and **Karen Haughey Carew** live in Simsbury, CT, with their four children (9, 8, 6 and 2) where Bill and his partners run a healthcare and employee benefit company. **Mike Costello** (substitute Idiot Convention chairman) and his wife, **Jamie Taft Costello** (hi Jamie!), live in Providence, RI, with their three kids (10, 8 and 4). Mike works for Baldwin Brothers in Providence. **Mike Jordan** and his wife, Lee, live in Drexel Hill, PA, with their three girls (11, 7 and 3). Mike is in the mutual fund business. **Ted Lane** works for John Hancock and lives in Hopkinton with his wife, Linda, and their two sons (4 and 2). **John "Clem" Lewis** (hi Clem!) and his wife, Beth, and three boys (7, 6 and 4) live outside



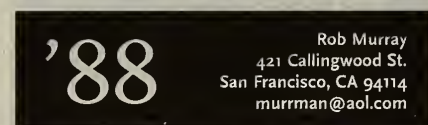
of Milwaukee, WI, where Clem works for GE Medical Systems. Mike Lieder and Mary Sipple Lieder live in Westport, CT, with their two kids (7 and 3). Mike is a bond salesman for Credit Suisse First Boston. Mike and Sheila Monsell McCauley live in Concord with four children (12, 11, 8 and 3). Mike is the president of Pulse Trading. Jack McNeil and his wife, Hilary, live in Wellesley. When not trading bonds for FTN Financial, Jack spends time driving his son, Brendan (12), to hockey games. Mike Murphy is a financial consultant with Smith Barney and lives with his wife, Trish, and three sons (7, 4, and 1) in Scituate. Joel Pina is CFO of a real estate investment company in the Philadelphia area where he lives with his wife, Marybeth, and their two children (6 and 3). Paul and Carey Kelley Stenberg live in Needham with their four children (13, 10, 8 and 5). When not playing golf or attending a major sporting event, Paul is in the equipment leasing business with CSI, Inc. Phil Sullivan lives on the South Shore and is a commercial real estate broker in Boston. He and his wife, Charlene, are the proud parents of a new baby girl. Steve Trepp lives and works in New York City where he is a successful Internet entrepreneur. All of this great information was submitted by Bill Marsan who is married to Carolyn Duffy Marsan. They are the parents of three daughters (8, 4 and 1) and live in McLean, VA. Carolyn is a business reporter and Bill practices law with Troutman Sanders in Washington, DC. Bill respectfully asks that we all keep Bob Keane, his wife, GERALYN, and their three kids (8, 6 and 4) in our prayers. Bill, great job getting info – do you want my job?? You'd be great!! In other news, Kelli Murphy Manring and Michael Manring were wed last June on the Cape with her brother, Hank Murphy, officiating! He obtained special permission from the Governor to preside over the nuptials. Maggie Mularkey Downey, Kristi Lagestrom Flaherty, Kathy McCabe, Kelly Fitzpatrick McLaughlin and Jack Greene all were able to celebrate with the bride and groom. Kelli and Michael live in Oakland, CA, where Kelli has turned an 11-year physical therapy career into a private practice for pregnant and postpartum women and is also a doula who assisted in the birth of the baby of her brother, Hank, and his wife, Julie Stamos Murphy! The baby, Henry, is Hank and Julie's fourth child. Kelli's husband, Michael, is a musician and so the couple will be traveling throughout Europe this spring for one of his tours. Congrats!! Bill and Pat McCarthy Christ welcomed their fourth child last summer, Brigid, who joins brother and sisters Margaret (10), Billy (7) and Maeve (5). The Christs live in Buffalo, NY. Michael Sean Grant, senior vice-president for sales and marketing at USI Insurance Services, was named by *Long Island Business News* as one of 40 rising stars under 40. Andrea Rocanelli was recently appointed to the position of chief counsel of the Office of Disciplinary Counsel by the

Delaware Supreme Court. This counsel is authorized by the Supreme Court to evaluate, investigate and prosecute attorney misconduct. Andrea lives in Wilmington, DE, with her husband, Todd Veale ('84), and their three daughters (10, 7 and 4). PS Their dog is named McElroy after the BC building where they met!



Hello! I hope that you are all well and enjoying life. I need to start this column with an apology. As you know, our columns are due to BC three months before they are actually published. The BC email system was attacked with several viruses, causing my computer to crash, resulting in a loss of all the e-mails that had been sent in. If you've sent an e-mail in the past six months and your update was not in the March column or this one, it means I've lost it and would appreciate you resending it. I'm terribly sorry for any inconvenience. Now let's get to the news that I have received. I ran into Dawn Curtis Hanley at the opening of a new restaurant in Boston a few months ago. She and Tim welcomed Devyn Elizabeth last June. Carlin, their oldest daughter, was three in January. Dawn started in February as the executive director of marketing for *Boston Magazine* after several years as the director of communications for the Seaport Hotel and World Trade Center in Boston. She's received several notable awards, including *Boston Business Journal's* "40 Under 40" as well as having been inducted into the YMCA Academy of Woman Achievers. Congratulations, Dawn! She also e-mailed that Karen Power McNamara and her husband welcomed Kellyn Elaine McNamara on February 23. Kellyn joins sister Casey (4) and brother Sean (3). Karen lives in Natick with her husband, Mike. \* Kim Kohoskie McLaughlin e-mailed in with lots of news. She hosted a holiday brunch at her house in Canton, and her former roommates who attended the brunch were Catherine Hudson Woolley, Stephanie Giannaros Doherty and Michelle Murray Tetreault. Catherine and her husband, George, were visiting relatives in Rhode Island and Massachusetts over the holidays. They live in Colorado, outside of Denver. Catherine is enjoying working out of her home for a small pharmacy automation company. Michelle and her husband, Tim, live in Stratham, NH, with their three children, Taryn (11), TJ (9) and Marleigh (4). She continues her outpatient therapy practice in Exeter, NH. Stephanie lives with her husband, Steve, and their six-year-old son, Matthew, in Wakefield. Stephanie is vice president at Cone, a marketing communication agency in Boston. Kim lives in Canton with her husband, John ('88), and their three children, Connor (9), Billy (7) and Molly (4). Kim left working for the State of Massachusetts after 15 years to start her

own website design firm, Govinit. Thanks, Kim, for all of the updates! \* Congratulations to Alison and Stephen Birmingham on the birth of their baby girl, Elizabeth ("Liza"), who joins her sister, Grace. She was born in December. \* Amy Paul wrote in with the news of her marriage to Gerry Baskin as well as the birth of their daughter, Rachel Jane, on December 15. The family is living in Dorchester. Amy works as a team leader in healthcare services at Blue Cross Blue Shield, where she's been for seven years. Amy also writes that Pam Maylord Gardner attended her baby shower in November. Pam and her husband, Randy, have a beautiful four-year-old daughter, Zeah. Thanks, Amy! \* Kim Lindley-Soucy wrote that she and her husband, Andy, recently returned from a two-week stay in China, where they adopted their daughter, Malei Lin-Yilan Soucy. She was 14 months old when they brought her home in November, and she is an absolute joy to them. They are living in Londonderry, NH. Congratulations, Kim! \* Congratulations also go to my friend Rob Sabella and his wife, Beth, on the St. Patrick's Day birth of their daughter, Sophia Marie. They live in Dallas, TX, where Rob is the co-founder of OTA Solutions. Before that, he served as vice president of business development at Vast Solutions, Inc., where he created and developed the Volley suite of products, which included horizontal and vertical wireless applications for the field service, sales, financial and insurance industries. \* Congratulations to Julia Satti Cosentino who was named to the *Boston Business Journal's* "40 under 40" last fall. She is a partner at Nutter McClennen & Fish, practicing trusts and estate law. For the past 10 years, she has worked for the Boston Plan for Excellence in Public Schools Foundation, which is a non-profit that works in close partnership with the school district to refine professional development for teachers and improve literary instruction in classrooms. \* Thanks again to all who wrote in. Have a wonderful summer!



Ah, the 15-year reunion. A terrific weekend to see the remarkable changes to the Heights, reconnect with old friends and, at 3:15 a.m. on Sunday, agree that it would be fun to write the class notes for the *Boston College Magazine*. But seriously, I would like to thank Laura Germak Ksenak for her years of dedication to this space. With an aerie of young Eagles to raise at home, time is precious, so who could blame her for stocking the refrigerator of our Vanderslice suite so thoroughly. \* Being listed as class representative has been rewarding, though. Many old friends have written to catch up and San Francisco area alumni have introduced themselves. Dave Roccosalva is doing well here as a principal with Page & Turnbull. Oakland resident Mike Teeling



wrote to say he and his wife have a new baby daughter, Gwendolyn. Dan Walsh has just been promoted to vice president and regional director of the West at Fidelity, though I was concerned at first when he told me he'd been promoted "with Infidelity." \* **Erin Fleming Puleo** is thrilled to be living in her hometown of Loudonville, NY, with her husband, James, and their three children. **Peter and Julie Veale**, also parents three times, are enjoying South Dartmouth. **Carol Palmer**, to whom many thanks are offered for planning an excellent reunion, is back in Boston running a consulting group for Arthur Andersen after two years in San Francisco. \* **Michael Barbour** wrote to say he and his wife, Lynne, were blessed with twin boys, Ryan and Kyle, last March. Mom and Dad work for the Department of Justice and reside in Alexandria, VA, with their cat, Stoli, and their dog, Tonic. Another Absolut achievement was sent in by **John Gallagher**, who was named as BC's Distinguished Teacher for 2003. John has been promoted to associate professor with tenure for the Operations and Strategic Management Department and would love to hear from other high-tech alumni both here and abroad at [gallagher@bc.edu](mailto:gallagher@bc.edu). **Tim Hartnett**, a longtime New York City resident, wrote to say he married Lesley Swanson in Palm Beach, FL, near where the couple moved so Tim can head up the Transaction Services Practice for Pricewaterhouse Coopers. I don't know what that means, but I'm sure it's an improvement over being BC's basketball co-manager. **John Curran** was re-elected mayor of Woburn. \* Finally, I'd like to wrap up by saying I hope this column can be a forum for important announcements for all of us, whether it's a birth, a death or your retirement from the NFL. Accordingly, I was married in a San Francisco civil ceremony on February 14 to Bruce Davis. It was an incredible experience six years in the making.

'89

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Unfortunately this column will be very short. I haven't heard from many of you this time but am looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion. Help keep this column interesting and send in your update for the next column!! Please keep in mind, we can only include events that have *already* occurred (pregnancies and engagements cannot be included), but please let us know about your wedding and new babies as soon as you can. \* Here's what I have for now: After 12 years of employment at JP Morgan, in operations management, interest rate derivatives and structure finance, **Thomas Walker** has joined Bank of America as a principal running their Credit Derivative and Structure Products Middle Office. The same year (2002), Tom became engaged to Carrie Tampion, his girlfriend from Australia whom he met in

London's Heathrow Airport. On May 16, 2003, Tom and Carrie were married at St. Monica's Catholic Church on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. Their reception was held at the Boathouse in Central Park. Joining Tom and Carrie were fellow BC alumni: **Christopher Bellonzi**, **Tommy Kurtz**, **Brendan Comito**, **David Aldieri**, **Dennis Quinn**, **Robert Radman**, **Jeff Thibeault**, **Georgia Critsley**, **Maria Joseph Peckham** and **Anju Patel Olson** ('90). \* **Terry Bonello McDonnell's** proud husband, Matt, wrote to let us know that in January she passed her boards and is now a registered nurse in Massachusetts. Terry is working at Massachusetts General Hospital in the hematology/oncology unit. While working, she is also enrolled in the Class of 2005 at the MGH Institute for Health Professions where she will graduate with a master's in nursing (acute care) and will sit for her nurse practitioner boards in the summer of '05. Needless to say, Terry does this with the full support of her family, including her husband, Matt McDonnell ('90), and children Matthew (12) and Sabrina (8). \* **Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP** has announced that **Greg Collins** along with fellow BC grad Kevin Thomas ('92) have been named partners in their Assurance and Business Advisory Services practice in Boston. Greg has been with the firm for 14 years and lives in Quincy. \* **Sean Mullen** wanted to let the class know that he recently enrolled in a Tae Bo class in Manhattan and is thinking about volunteering at an animal shelter.

'90

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#### REUNION YEAR

**Robert Ambrose** wrote in to update us on what he's been doing for the past 14 years! Most importantly, Bob was married to Sarah Kruser on July 12, 2003, in Chicago, IL. Bob and Sarah met while he was working on his doctoral degree at Northwestern University. In attendance at their wedding were BC alums **Rick and Susie (Mullarkey) Iovanne**; **Pat Hurley** and his wife, **Cara** ('96); **Peter Kriz** ('92); **David Healey**; **Sebastian Bonaiuto** (faculty); and **Greg Capozzi** ('92). Bob and Sarah had a two-week honeymoon in London and Paris and got to see the Tour de France from their hotel balcony! After BC, Bob earned a master's degree in music education from Boston University. He was a high school instrumental music director for five years in the Massachusetts public schools. After receiving a doctoral degree in conducting from Northwestern, Bob moved to Georgia and joined the faculty at Georgia State University (GSU); he has been living in Atlanta since August 2001. Bob is currently an assistant professor, director of bands and chair of the Performance Studies Division in the School of Music at GSU. Sarah is an instructor of flute at GSU and a freelance

musician. In addition to their work at GSU, Bob and Sarah perform with an Atlanta-based contemporary music ensemble called "Bent Frequency." \* **Neyda Serrano Biggs** got married on February 26, 2000, and recently celebrated her fourth anniversary with her husband, Marcus. They had a destination wedding at the Radisson Cable Beach Resort in Nassau, Bahamas – beautiful and highly recommended! They had close family and friends in attendance, one of whom was also a BC grad, **Rita Wright** (now Rita Wright Peyton). Neyda and Marcus have a beautiful one-year-old son, **Darius Xavier**, and they bought a home in Pennsylvania in 2001. Neyda is looking for freshman roommate **Marylou Cunningham**, whom she last saw at Marylou's 1994 wedding to Peter Kelly in Massachusetts. She has since moved from Virginia and they have lost contact. "Marylou, if you're out there, call or e-mail me. I'd love to hear from you!!" (The BC alumni website is a great resource if you're looking for a BC grad: [www.bc.edu/alumni](http://www.bc.edu/alumni)). \* **Kathy (Ayars) Conlon** married Paul Conlon on August 12, 2000, in New Hampshire at Castle in the Clouds. They have two beautiful daughters, **Kelsi**, born on February 11, 2002, and **Hannah**, born on July 13, 2003. They recently built a house in South Kingstown, RI, where Paul is a Rhode Island state trooper and Kathy is a federal probation officer. She still keeps in touch with **Ricardo Gaitan** and **Kelly Donovan** and regularly sees **Annamarie Flanigan Silvasy** (her maid of honor) and **Terry McCalmont Poppiti**. Kathy says they try to make it up to one BC game a year, and unfortunately her husband is a Notre Dame fan so she is still trying to convert him. \* **Mark Harrington** and his wife, **Deanna**, moved from Boston to Houston, TX, in October 2002. Six weeks before leaving Boston, their son, **John McMahon Harrington** (Jack), was born. Their daughter, **Mary Wade**, is now five. Mark is practicing business immigration law with **Zhang & Associates**. He enjoyed seeing all the Bostonians in Houston for Super Bowl XXXVIII. He says that there haven't been that many Bostonians in Texas since BC played against the University of Houston in the 1985 Cotton Bowl. (Hey, McElhinney – how's that for BC trivia?!) \* An update on the "BC 90" New Hampshire license plate and its owner **Rob Coyne**. (Rob got the plate at the beginning of his senior year. When he drove in the guard at the gate spotted it and said, "You are a bit early.") Rob had that plate for about 15 years. He is now married and living in Sausalito, CA, with his wife, **Christine**, and his son, **R. Grant Coyne**. \* **Andrew McAleer's** debut private-eye novel, *Double Endorsement*, was released in September 2003. Much of the action takes place at "Chestnut Hill College" and a picture of Gasson Tower appears on the dust jacket. \* **Judilyn Siffard Pizzella** was married in 1999 to her husband, **Don** (a "BC wanna-be; he went to the other BC – Bryant College"). They have a two-year-old daughter,



Barbara, Judilyn and Don have lived in Southern California for four years now but look forward to getting back to the Boston area in a few years. Judilyn is a human resources manager. One day soon she'd love to have a Chorale officer reunion party back at the Cape. Hot tub anyone? She sends good wishes to all her old Chorale friends. \* It's not too soon to think about our 15th reunion! **Franz Loeber** writes that he is chairing the Reunion Gift Committee and is looking for volunteers. Contact **Franz** at [BCEagles90@aol.com](mailto:BCEagles90@aol.com) if you're available to help. It means a few phone calls to classmates, which is always a great way to catch up with old friends! And save the date – June 3-5, 2005!

'91

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In case you hadn't heard **H. Ehrmann** recently opened a bar named **ELIXIR** in San Francisco, CA. The fact that the walls are gold and the ceiling is maroon is not a coincidence. If you're in the San Francisco area, be sure to stop in and say hi. \* **Tabatha (Riordan) Walls** celebrated her 10-year wedding anniversary with her husband, **Tim**, on November 13, 2003. They have two sons, **Eli (6)** and **Quin (5)**. They are living in **Ostrander, OH**. \* **Tony (Boo) Gioffre** is living in **Newtown, CT**, with his wife, **Rouxle**, and their two daughters, **Malia (2)** and **Kaia (6 months)**. He was just made partner in his law firm, **Cuddy & Feder** in **White Plains, NY**. **Tony** has moved on from the **BC** karate team and is also a part owner of a jiu-jitsu school in **Thornwood, NY**. \* On June 8, 2002, **Bill Schneir** married **Jennifer Anderson**. On hand to celebrate were **BC** classmates **Dan and Dawn (Druyor) Gillette**, **Dave Marcozzi**, **Don Rogers** and his wife, **Lisa**, **Tom Rylander**, **Angelo ('92)** and **Roberta (Holland) Dimitriou**, **Sean Coady**, **Debra Deroian**, and **Matt and Jill (Primo) Kearney ('92)**. On January 16, 2004, **Bill** and **Jen** became parents to **Andrew James**, their first child. No **BC** graduates were on hand in the delivery room to celebrate that special event. **Bill** and his family are living in **Lynbrook, NY**, and **Bill** has been working as a junior high school social studies teacher in **Brooklyn** for the past nine years. **Bill** says he will keep teaching until his stand-up comedy career takes off and he lands his own TV sitcom. \* Congratulations to **Chris Haskell** and his wife, **Suzanne**, on the arrival of their triplets on December 26, 2003. **Ryan**, **George Christopher, Jr.**, and **Maggie** are all doing well and they are gearing up to attend their first **BC** football game in the fall. \* After graduating from **SOM**, **Lucy Snyder** went on to receive her MBA from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1993. She worked at the State House in Boston in the Executive Office for Administration and Finance as the public finance manager for a few years. **Lucy** went

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back to school and in 2002 finished her JD in Michigan. Now, she is with family in Michigan and looking around the country for a job. **Lucy** would definitely LOVE to hear from old friends!! Drop her an e-mail at [lucy.k.snyder@bc.edu](mailto:lucy.k.snyder@bc.edu) or call her at 734-846-6566. \* **Meg Nocero-Simone** and her husband, **Frank Simone**, celebrated the birth of their son, **Michael Simone**, in December 2002. **Meg** is an attorney for immigration and customs enforcement at the Department of Homeland Security, and **Frank** is a commercial litigator in Miami, FL. \* **Lisa Terranova** married **Chris Lommerin** in Long Island, NY, in May 2002. **Meg Nocero-Simone**, **Michele Casey-Driscoll** and **Michael Driscoll** were in attendance. **Lisa** and **Chris** recently moved to Easton, PA, from Hoboken, NJ. **Lisa** is teaching seventh grade math and science, and **Chris** is an elementary school principal. \* **Michele Towle** married **John Barrett** in September 2002 in Maryland. They currently live in Annapolis, MD. \* **Chris Langway** married **Kimberlee Lucas** on September 20, 2003, in Lexington. They celebrated at the DeCordova Museum in Lincoln with fellow classmates **Bryan Banks**, **Nancy Allaire Watts**, **Chrissy Moynihan Murray**, **Patti Hart Kelly**, **Maria McLaughlin Nortz**, **Jay Duke** (groomsman) and **Pat Kennedy**. Other Eagles in attendance were **Jill Lucas ('93)**, **Heidi Bergmeyer ('94)**, **Michael Thoreson ('03)** and **Stephen Marciano ('94)**. **Kim** is a director for American Express Corporate Travel and **Chris** is a VP and associate director of marketing for **Digitas**. They met in Manhattan and currently live in the West Village in New York City. \* Classmates **Doug MacNeil** and **Dave Lucey** have started their own company, **Vital Staffing**. They are an executive search firm focusing exclusively on nursing and the healthcare industry. Last summer, **Doug** married **Robyn Rogers** in Boston. Numerous fellow **BC** alumni were present. They are currently living in Milton. **Dave** is married and has a one-year-old daughter, **Caroline**. He and his family live in **Lynnfield**. \* **Lee (McGillicuddy)** and **Michael Vaughan** welcomed their third child, **Michael McGillicuddy Vaughan**, on February 2, 2004. **Mick** joins older siblings **Jack (3)** and **Grace**

(2). \* Congratulations to **Courtney (Watson) Taylor** and her husband, **Brian**, on the birth of a beautiful baby girl, **Zoey Sy Taylor**, on January 25, 2004. **Zoey** is **Courtney** and **Brian's** first child. They are currently living in Glendale, CA, where **Courtney** is the senior coordinator of worldwide marketing for the Hallmark Channel. \* Finally, a special congratulations to my dear friend **Sheree (Nuccio) Winans** and her husband, **Keith**, on the arrival of their first child, **Jack Michael**, on February 27, 2004. The **Winans** live in Enfield, CT, where **Sheree** continues to be a fourth grade teacher. \* Have a great summer!

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**Kelly Concannon Cicchino** and her husband, **Steve**, are living in Shrewsbury raising their four children: **Lindsey (6)**, **Brooke (3)**, **Steve (2)** and **Josie (8 months)**. \* **Diana Lambert** and her husband, **Gerard (GA&S '94)**, had their first child, **Amy Louise**, on April 3, 2003. They are living in Westwood where **Diana** is working part-time as a special projects coordinator in portfolio accounting at **Standish Mellon Asset Management**. **Gerard** teaches math and is the varsity baseball coach at **Xaverian Brothers High School**. During the summer he teaches at **BC** in the Options Through Education (OTE) program for **AHANA** students. \* **Joseph F. Krowski, Jr.**, and his wife, **Lori**, are pleased to announce the birth of their first baby girl, **Jorja Victoria**. She has three brothers, **Jack**, **Julian** and **Jaden**. The couple just moved back to their hometown of Easton. **Joseph** is practicing criminal defense and personal injury law. \* **Kerin Klagges** was married to **Mike Kingsbury** on Nantucket Island on September 13, 2003. In attendance were **Marie Kaczor**, **Rhea Hale**, **Kathy Furey** and **Julie McKinley**. **Julie's** three children were a part of the wedding party. The couple is now renovating their new home in Tyngsboro. **Kerin** is a clinical coordinator for **GMP Companies** and **Mike** is a senior financial analyst for **Millipore**. \* **Geoffrey Chan** finished his fellowship training in hematology/oncology and is now assistant professor of medicine at **Tufts University Medical School** and a specialist in bone marrow transplantation at **Tufts-New England Medical Center**. **Geoffrey** hopes that no fellow graduates will need his services. **Geoffrey** has two nurse practitioners and several nurses who are **BC** alums as well. \* **Elise Marie DiCarlo** was married on June 23, 2001, to **Jeffrey Metzner** in Pacific Palisades, CA. The couple lives in Omaha, NE, where **Elise** is attending her third year at **Creighton Medical**. Their first child, **Jacob Vincent Metzner**, was born on June 26, 2003. The family spent **Jacob's** first Christmas with **Elise's** family in Kansas City, MO. \* **Elizabeth Meola Aaron** and **Michael Aaron** welcomed a baby boy, **Nicholas John**, on September 12.



Mike is a VP at Sirius Satellite Radio in New York City and Elizabeth is taking a year off from teaching high school history. They are still living in Maplewood, NJ. \* **David Brooks** sends greetings from Afghanistan. He has been meaning to write to me for a while to give an update but kept forgetting. Does this sound familiar, fellow classmates? David is working for the International Assistance Mission in Kabul, where he oversees a number of community development projects in various areas of the country. David has been an aid worker in Afghanistan for the past five years and says that things are definitely much better now that the Taliban are gone. There are a lot of people coming into the country now so if any BC grads make it to Afghanistan he'd love to hear from you! David and his wife, Beverly, had a little girl, Elizabeth Joy Brooks, in July. You can reach David at [Dsbrooks@aol.com](mailto:Dsbrooks@aol.com). \* A little more than a year ago, **Chris Kaczor** and his wife, Jennifer, welcomed their third son and sixth child, George. They then packed up their family from Los Angeles, CA, and lived for 10 months in Bonn, Germany, where Chris was a Fulbright scholar during the academic year doing philosophical research. The older three kids went to German schools and everybody got to see quite a bit of Europe while Chris lectured at various universities in Germany, Austria, Italy and Switzerland. While away, Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles granted Chris a tenured professorship in the philosophy department, based in part on his recent book, *Proportionalism and the Natural Law Tradition* (CUA Press). Everyone is now glad to be back home in Los Angeles. \* **David Cormier** and **Christa (Hailey)** wrote to announce the birth of their son, **Cameron David**. He was born on August 29 and is their first child. They have already bought him a BC sweatshirt and a BC bib :). \* **Anne (Frame) Rodriguez** handles admissions at the Ethel Walker School in Simsbury CT. She hosted a great 2003 spring reunion for former BC cross country/track teammates **Chris (Baldes) Barile**, **Chrissy (Dittami) Clifford** ('94), **Linda (Spence) Trainor** ('93), **Janine (Walker) Dyer** ('91) and **Debbie (Marlowe) Criscuolo** ('93). Most of them are still running... \* **Jennifer (Ward)** and **Peter Joel** reside

in Chatham, NJ, and just had baby #3 in July '03. **Megan Clare Joel** joins brothers **PJ** and **Aidan**. \* **Terri (O'Connor) Cianciolo** and her husband, **Jay**, relocated to Portsmouth RI. They have a daughter, **Kate** (2), and welcomed baby **Jack** in May '03. **Terri** participated in a half marathon in January 2004 to benefit stroke research.

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**Michelle Theberge** was married on January 24, 2004, to **Christopher Fonseca** in Newport, RI, at Ocean Cliff Mansion. They currently reside in Portsmouth, RI. **Christopher** owns a construction company and **Michelle** is a school principal at Aquidneck Elementary in Middletown, RI. **Amy (Bauer)** and **Robert Dowling** just celebrated their son's first birthday in January. **Brian Robert Dowling** was born on January 21, 2003. In addition to enjoying her new son, **Amy** has been working for Chubb Speciality Insurance Co. (CSI) in Simsbury, CT, for six years. She leads the Quality Assurance Function within the CSI Information Technology Department. The **Dowlings** reside in Avon, CT, at Avon Old Farms School. **Alison McDonald** and her husband, **Todd**, had their first child, **Tucker Andrew Link**, on May 21, 2003. **Charlie McPhee Beams** was born on May 6, 2003, to **Molly Kenah Beams** and her husband, **Nate**. **Ellen Seo** and **Noah Pusey** and daughter **Avery** rang in the new year with their special blessing, **Jackson Philip Henry Pusey**, who was born on New Year's Eve. Congratulations to **Meghan McGrann** and her husband, **Chris Lawrence**, for their son, **Sullivan Christopher Lawrence**, born on February 12. Also, good news for **Jenn Williams Riley** and her husband, **Ralph**, who welcomed a baby girl, **Anna McKenna**, on January 21, 2003. **Maeve O'Meara**, who is now living in Miami, FL, recently took a sabbatical from her job to enjoy some traveling. Two of her destinations were Hawaii and Nicaragua. **Allison (Hughes) Goddard** and **Patrick Goddard** had their first child, son **Murray Fitzpatrick Goddard**, on October 8, 2003. They currently live in San Diego, CA, where **Allison** is an attorney working for **Cooley Godward and Patrick** is CEO of **NetHere, Inc.**, an Internet service company. BC classmate **Alex Johnson** is one of **Murray's** godparents. The birth of her fourth baby prompted **Diane (Brooks) Grotberg** to write in for the first time – and what a reason to write in! **Thomas Clark Grotberg** was born November 15, 2003. His three siblings were thrilled – **David** (6 1/2), **Mary** (3) and **Elizabeth** (2). After three years of law school and just over two years living outside of Chicago, IL, **Diane** and family moved to rural Minnesota to a 10-acre hobby farm they love! **Jennie Osborne Burke** ('94) and **Mike Burke** welcomed their third child, a boy, on August 13, 2003. **Charlie** is in good

hands with sisters **Maggie** (3) and **Caroline** (2). The **Burkes** live in New Orleans where **Mike** is a lieutenant commander in the Navy. **Joy Olaes** and **Michael Christopher Surprenant** are thankful for their blessings! **Joy** and **Michael** were married August 31, 2002 at St. Ignatius Church. The black tie reception was held at the Four Seasons Hotel in Boston. **Joy** and **Michael** are blessed with a beautiful baby boy, **Maxwell Carmelito Surprenant**, born September 12, 2003, and christened at St. Ignatius Church on November 22, 2003. Fr. **Kevin White** was the officiant at the wedding and also served at the baptism. **Michael** works for a real estate development firm. **Joy** retired from teaching and enjoys being a stay-at-home mother. They live in Boston. BC friends in the wedding party were **Cara Rooney**, **Jeanine Harrington** and **Elizabeth Steczkowski** ('94) on the bride's side; **Paul Morley**, **JP Plunkett** and **Randy Vera** ('93) on the groom's. Other BC friends in attendance include **Lisa Angulo**, **Brian Reed**, **Caroline Breyley**, **Martha Blaisdell**, **Nikki Klett** ('94), **Robby Abany** ('94), **Brian Bennett**, **Amy Donovan**, **Tim Evans**, **Jamie Egan**, **Hilary Gauvin** ('94), **Suzanne Haynes** ('94), **Tracy Harmon** ('95), **Joanie Golden**, **Chris Higgins**, **Bob Hynes**, **Doug Hurley** ('94), **Tina Midlat**, **Kira Wrinn** ('94), **Marsha Midlat** ('94), **Christel Glennon**, **Tommy Mandile**, **Ann Brissette** ('94), **Julie Raynor**, **Melissa Metcalf**, **Chris Woods** and **Bonnie Rose**. **Joy** and **Michael** enjoyed seeing everyone at their 10-year BC reunion and look forward to many more good times spent with old friends! **Jacqueline (West) Ondrey**, her husband, **Aaron**, and her son, **William** (2 1/2), welcomed twin daughters **Margaret (Maggie)** and **Elizabeth (Betsy)** who were born on March 3, 2003. They were truly delighted by the news! **Jacqueline** is officially retired from her third grade teaching position. Fellow roommate **Susan Walsh**, who is an emergency room pediatrician at Yale Medical, and her husband, **Manny Logiadis**, just celebrated the first birthday of their son, **Alex Logiadis**, in December. **Christopher Kubala** is working at Bank of America as a project manager in the finance division in Charlotte, NC. **Chris** is also the local BC alumni chapter president. Children **David** (4) and **Lily** (2) are proud of their dad who was awarded his Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation! **Kristina (Lynch) Spillane** was married on September 20 in Stamford, CT, to **John Spillane** (Holy Cross grad – but we won't hold that against him). Former roommates **Dina Nimatallah-Martyn** and **Cristina Yannucci** were bridesmaids. Other **Eagles** in attendance were **Michael** and **Jen Bertoncini**, **Fran Forte** ('90) and **Don Ritucci** ('90). Regretfully, we announce that **Katie VanDerLinden** died on February 6, 2004, four days after suffering a stroke. A native of Clifton Springs, NY, **Katie** had been working at the Pricewaterhouse Coopers tax services office in Boston. She leaves her fiancé, **Brian Kelliher**, her parents and two sisters.

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Here are the latest updates. Katie Sullivan married Bob Tyson on October 4, 2003, in Potomac, MD. BC alums in attendance included bridesmaids Christie (Philbin) Ward, Ann (Hyland) Whitlock, Catherine (Gorman) Kuuskraa, Nicole (Ciszak) Murphy (Law '00) and Melissa (Hambly) Scollans. Other BC alums in attendance included the bride's father, James Sullivan ('65); the bride's uncle, David Sullivan ('62); Jason Kuuskraa; Brendan Scollans ('95); and Chris Murphy (Law '99). Katie and Bob live in Washington, DC. Katie works as director of product and brand management at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company. Loring (Barnett) Bartlett and her husband, Rick, had a son, Jack, on August 13, 2002. Loring is currently in the doctoral program in child and school psychology at New York University. She and her family live on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. John Shahdanian and his wife, Kelly ('93), just had their second son, Alexander Richard, in September 2003. John also had the opportunity to argue his first case before the New Jersey Supreme Court in November. He made a point to note, however, that the second experience was not as important as his new family addition! Michelle Carmody married Matt Baughman in a beautiful ceremony in Spring Lake, NJ, on November 22, 2003. Sara (Giffuni) Joseph was in the wedding party and other attendees from our class were Kimberly (Kozemchak) Paster, Monica (Zamora) Yalif and Timothy ('93) and Kristen (McCormick) Pierotti. Michelle and Matt live in Denver, CO. Jennie (Osborne) Burke and Mike Burke ('93) welcomed a third child to their family in August 2003. Their new son, Charlie, joins sisters Maggie (3) and Caroline (2). The Burkes live in New Orleans, LA, where Mike is a lieutenant commander in the US Navy. The Class of 1994 has been pretty quiet lately. Now that spring has sprung, keep those e-mails coming!

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## REUNION YEAR

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Congratulations to Holly Porter Little, who was inducted into the BC Hall of Fame for women's basketball in November 2003. She

is newly married to Dave Little, an industrial designer she met in Cincinnati, OH. The two reside there in close proximity to both of their families. After being in corporate America for five years as the director of marketing for Clearchannel Communications Worldwide, Holly decided to work less and devote time to coaching kids. With her free time, she trains for triathlons and plays with their dogs. Holly has been running marathons and competing in duathlons and triathlons with her twin brother for the past four years. Recently, they obtained a sponsorship to race in their first ironman event in July 2004. They are both excited about the upcoming race and have a great support system in Cincinnati for their training. \* Kristin Gillooly married Dan Buckley in Hingham on October 18. Their reception took place in the Back Bay, and their wedding party included Helen (Revis) Connor, Cristin Welch, Peter Izzo (Best Man), Jim Quealy, Max Nivaud, Scott Gamache and Brian Moreland. Many members of the class of '97 were in attendance, including Keith Duffy, who in a BC wedding tradition played "For Boston" on the bagpipes at the reception. Dan and Kristin honeymooned for a week in Aruba and are now living in Quincy. Dan just started a new job at Appleton Partners in Boston and Kristin is teaching special education in Cohasset. \* Steve Dunlea married Kathleen Provost on July 5, 2003, in Cumberland, RI. He and his wife currently live in Attleboro. Steve is a fourth grade teacher in Mansfield, and Kathleen is a realtor in Attleboro. The groomsmen included Dean Baker, Christian Gasco and Gray Peckham. Also in attendance were Sean Yakota, Nate Uttaro ('96), Joe Turmell ('96) and Claudine (Pietrucha) Workman ('98). \* Jennifer Blackstone married Scott Ardery on September 20, 2003, at an outside ceremony on the waters of the Massachusetts' North Shore. BC grads Kelly Spooner ('96) and Kiki Aloupis were in attendance at the wedding. Jennifer and Scott met in Iowa where they had both moved for their jobs. They have since moved to Ft. Lauderdale, FL. \* Brett A. Hanlon ('98) married Andra Lee on November 4, 2000, in Windham, NH. Their first child, Jack Andrew, was born on April 30, 2002, and their second child, Charlotte Lucy, was born on February 14, 2004. Brett is currently working for the federal government and pursuing advancement within the agency. \* Jennifer Kelley wrote to say that she has taken on a new job with Country Insurance & Financial Services of Tempe, AZ, as a risk manager. After graduation, Jennifer played semi-professional soccer in Norway, Sweden and New Zealand before returning to the United States to obtain her Master of Sport Management from Appalachian State University. \* Hope you all have a wonderful summer! And please continue to e-mail me with your news.

'98

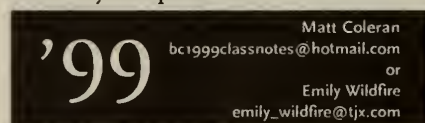
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John Hennessey and Erin Tapper were married on November 1 in Mattapoisett. Tami Ensio and Tom Owens were in the wedding party. '98ers in attendance included Brad Johnson, Erika Dreyer Morris, Jill Powell, Danielle Wood DeSanto, Rob DeSanto, Laura McCormick Viens, Chris Viens, Alison Crocker, Suzanne Lee, Kathleen Kelly, Erin Gallagher Gillbank, Amy Sundman Kim, Ted Kim, Dan Straffi, Pat Vannelli, Paul Baldyga, Michael Goulston, Brian Marcus, Pete Spinelli, James Parmakian and Peter Gerken. John and Erin live in San Diego, CA. \* I heard from Heather Bordick and Lesley Shinay, who were former roommates at BC. Heather currently works for All Tech Networking and is living in Boston. Lesley recently stopped teaching to assist her fiancé in opening a chiropractic office in southern Maine. \* Michaela Burke married Andrew Cutney on May 10, 2003, in Fairfield, CT. BC alums in attendance were Andrea Smith Kessner, Christine (Fay) and Steve Guarrera, Kristen McMahon Wright, Laura Armstrong, Colleen Nolan, Gerard Feeney, and Julie (Fenton) and Patrick Bosworth ('97). Michaela and Drew are living in Rochester, NY. Michaela teaches the second grade. \* Bob Airasian was married on June 21, 2003. The wedding ceremony was at St. Patrick Parish in Watertown. Bob and his wife reside in Boston on Beacon Hill. Bob is still a financial advisor for American Express Financial Advisors in Watertown. His wife, Kimberly, is a second year law school student at Suffolk Law School. Dan "Nudge" Nujarian, Brian Callery and Greg Cronin were in the wedding party. Peter and Jessica Dispensa Walter, Luke Howarth, Amy Wasgatt, Bobby Parks, Peter Fernandez, Michael Dimaoia, Christina Brenner, Rich Collins, Brian Dunphy, Chris Caras and Heather McAuley Callery were in attendance. \* Erika Vetrini was on the hit show "The Apprentice" this past spring! \* Dawn Krieger moved back to New York and is working at Estee Lauder in global skincare marketing. \* Kathryn Edison will be graduating from the Stanford Graduate School of Business this spring. Jess Walter will be graduating from Boston University School of Dental Medicine. \* Charise Rohm has been enjoying her job as San Francisco manager at *Teen People* magazine and dealing with accounts throughout the Northwest and West Coast. \* Cecelia Puopolo and her husband, Tony, had their first daughter, Stella Hanil Cho Puopolo, born on February 15, 2004. \* Matty Lane is working at BC as a senior assistant director of undergraduate admission. His geographic territory for the office is Arizona, New Mexico, Los Angeles, pieces of Connecticut and Massachusetts, and the Middle East/Indian Subcontinent. Anne Marie Borrego got married in 2002 to



Stephen Power (UVA) in Virginia. They had both been in DC working as reporters. Anne Marie quit her job when they moved to Frankfurt in May. Stephen got a promotion to cover the European Auto Industry, and she'll be trying her luck as a freelance writer. \* **Kerry Spellman** completed her MBA from Smurfit School of Business at the University College of Dublin in Dublin, Ireland, in August 2003. After a backpacking trip through Europe in September, she returned to the states and is now involved in event planning and fundraising as a development manager at the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation in New Canaan, CT. \* **Danielle Birriel** is currently finishing up her MBA at Columbia Business School, where she is studying finance and management. After graduating in May, she will be working at American Express as a Finance Manager in the Global Finance Job Rotation Program based out of New York. **JonMarc P. Buffa** has changed law firms and cities; he used to be an associate at Arter & Hadden in Los Angeles and is now at Spriggs & Hollingsworth in Washington, DC, where he is an associate. \* **Joanne Liu** is in the midst of opening a new Asian fusion restaurant on the southwest waterfront in Washington, DC. \* **Peter Trivelas**, associate vice-president in Equis Corporation's Boston office, won the company's 2004 Spencer Sullivan Outstanding Achievement award. Peter was nominated by his peers, who cited his innovative leadership, real estate accomplishments and corporate service. \* **Chris Weidling**, in Institutional Equity Sales at Prudential Equity Group and keyboard player; **John Araneo**, financial advisor at UBS PaineWebber and base player; **Ryan Gleason**, high school teacher at an all-girls private school in New York City and lead singer and rhythm guitarist; **Rob Stapleton**, restaurant operator on Long Island and lead guitarist; and **Tom Carey**, in Institutional Fixed Income Sales at CSFB and road manager, and are all in a band called the "Steel Horse Riders," a Bon Jovi cover band that has been performing on the Hoboken/Bayonne/Jersey shore circuit on-and-off for the past five years. They are now back together. Members who are no longer with them are **Ryan Quinn**, who left the band three years ago for a job in Boston with Cantor Fitzgerald, and **Brendan Froehlich**, who left the band last year to go to law school in Pennsylvania. \* **Katharine Wolf** married Ben Dunn this past June and they reside in Chicago. Katherine is finishing law school this spring. \* **Abby Baine** married Danny Dunn this past September. They reside in Chicago as well. \* **Kristen (Wolthausen) Frame** married Jake Frame on October 25, 2003, in New Hartford, NY. They had a wonderful honeymoon in Antigua and recently relocated from Boston to East Norwalk, CT, for Jake's job with GE Capital. Kristen is still working for the Principal Financial Group but transferred from the Boston office to the midtown Manhattan

office just before the wedding. \* In October, I left General Mills and now work at a small, independent promotion marketing agency in downtown Minneapolis called Group One as an account supervisor. And, by the time you read this my husband and I will be preparing to leave the Twin Cities so he can get his MBA. As of right now (February) we have no idea where we will be going yet. So, please use the e-mail address [nlucht@yahoo.com](mailto:nlucht@yahoo.com) to send me your updates.



Hello Class of 1999! As you read this entry, we will have just finished our five-year reunion weekend. We hope everyone enjoyed a few days of campus life, catching up and reminiscing with old friends. Please remember to continue to stay connected by letting us know what you have been up to. Send an e-mail with any moves, announcements, new ventures, etc., so that we can pass the news on to the rest of the class. On to the current updates: **Peter Sheriff Daniels** recently graduated from Suffolk Law School and has joined the law firm of Devine, Millimet, and Branch as a new attorney. He is a member of the corporate department where he concentrates his practices in corporate and real estate law. **Sean Irwin** is currently a teacher at BC High, while fiancée **Maryanne Knasas** is attending Tufts Dental School. **Kristin Rowell** married **David Heebner** in November 2003 in Minneapolis, MN. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii. Class of 1999 alumni in attendance were **Daniela Grande**, **Fred Cardone**, **Jolynn Rana** and **Megan Clark**. **Mary Ellen Newman** moved to New York City in the fall of 2003 and is working downtown as an account manager for Fidelity Investments. **Sandi Nagy** and **Sean Sinclair** were married on Long Beach Island, NJ, on September 6. Members of the wedding party included **BC grads Stephanie and Patrick Gagnon ('98)**, **Jennifer Blakeslee**, **Kelly Warren**, **Robert Smith** and **Stephen Marantette**. Other BC alums in attendance were **Angela Myers**, **Michelle Lapworth**, **Erin Girard**, **Marc Mastronardi**, **Susan Verrill**, **Jackie Lemaitre**, **Karen Montenegro**, **Katie** and **Andrew Rollauer**, **Jay Kaufman**, **Jamie Hart**, **Sarah Lick ('00)**, **Sarah Almy**, **Rachel Morrissey**, **Sam Wholley**, **Laura Karosen**, **Sarah Shiple**, **Paul Schrotenboer ('00)**, **Emiley Zalesky**, **Ryan Winmill ('00)**, **Holly Russell ('00)**, **Lori Lefevre**, **Jeff Wells ('01)**, **Moir Traci ('03)** and **Robert Creedon ('03)**. The Sinclairs now live in Arlington, VA. **Jessica Natale** married **David L. Tamarin** at the Hartwell House in Lexington on October 12, 2003. The bride is a 2002 Suffolk Law School graduate and a paralegal. The groom is a real estate attorney with the firm Guetta & Benson in Chelmsford. The couple plans to honeymoon in Canada. **Patrick McCarty ('00)** and **Eryn McLaughlin** married in New York on October 12, 2003. Alumna **Cheryl Trevisani** was in the

wedding party. **Cortney Foster** was also in attendance. **Patrick and Eryn** now live in Los Angeles where Patrick is due to finish his dental degree from USC this summer. \* **Emily and I** wish you all a wonderful and relaxing summer. Please keep in touch. We look forward to hearing from all of you. - **Matt & Emily**



#### REUNION YEAR

It's hard to believe, but another year has passed since our graduation. As usual, the members of the Class of 2000 have shared some great accomplishments with the rest of us. \* **Mark McNulty**, a fourth grade teacher in Plymouth, is pleased to announce the publishing of his first novel, *The Sea Shack*. Mark's book is written for children in grades 3-7 and is about a young boy's summer adventure spent on Cape Cod with his grandfather. \* **Melissa Lombardo** married **John Gates** on June 22, 2002. The couple's first child, **Kayla Ley Gates**, was born on June 7, 2003. **Melissa** continues to work as a BSN/RN at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. The family is living in Verona, PA. \* **Josh Goodman** and **Nathalia Rivarola** were married at the Lyman Estate in Waltham on August 25, 2002. **Tiffany Cooper**, **Kristen Perras** and **Holly Russell** served as bridesmaids. **Bill Ryan** was a groomsman. Also in attendance were **Alison Carey**, **Erika Reis** and **Brendan Ryan**. A graduate of Yale Law School, **Nathalia** is currently working at Shearman & Sterling LLP, a law firm in New York City. **Josh** works in health care with McKesson Corporation as a hospital resource management consultant. \* **Matthew Welch** and **Megan McCabe** were married on July 26, 2003, in West Hartford, CT. Fellow classmates **Amanda Tappen**, **Andrew Russell**, **Michael Salerno**, **Sean Santry** and **Charlie Veprek** served as attendants in the wedding. **Deanna Duggan (LGSOE '03)** was also a bridesmaid. The father of the bride is **Joseph McCabe (CGSOM '76)**. Guests at the wedding included **Krista Clarkson**, **Helene Norton Russell**, **J. Casey Lane ('01)** and **Steve Walkowiak ('01)**. **Megan** and **Matt** continue to reside in Chicago, IL. \* **Francesca Behr** married **Adam Sicard** on January 10, 2004, in East Brunswick, NJ. **Erin Bannon**, **Melissa Chandonnet** and **Meghan O'Neill ('01)** were among the bridesmaids. Other alumni in attendance were **Colleen Bolger**, **Deborah Cheng**, **Lori Croach**, **Thomas Gulick**, **Katherine Hanna ('01)**, **Heather McCormack**, **Joseph Serrano** and **Beth Stiller**. \* **Shannon Seymour Barbarisi** and her husband, **Blake**, welcomed a baby girl, **Tayden Leigh**, to their family on February 6, 2004. **Tayden** joins her big brother, **Kyler (3)**. The family resides in Woodbury, CT. \* **Brian Cohen**, **Alex Dunev** and **David Geiger** were among our classmates who participated in the Fifth Annual



Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament at the Wayland Country Club on September 21, 2003. The scholarship fund is in memory of Kevin Eidt, a member of our class who passed away from cardiac arrest during January of our freshman year. The annual golf tournament supports a scholarship for an outstanding senior in the BC Liturgy Arts Group. There is also an annual scholarship awarded in Kevin's name for an outstanding student in the Carroll School of Management Honors Program. The fund also holds an annual spring benefit dinner dance in Norwalk, CT. Attending the event in April 2003 were **Matt Flynn**, **David Geiger** and **Jay Kanive**. Since Kevin's passing, Kevin's Fund has awarded 34 scholarships to outstanding students from Norwalk, Connecticut as well as students at BC. Those wishing to obtain more information are encouraged to write to the Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship Fund at 7 Bumblebee Lane, Norwalk, CT 06851 or email the fund at: [Kevins\\_Fund@juno.com](mailto:Kevins_Fund@juno.com). \* I also recently received an email from David Naulty. A captain in the US Army, David recently returned from service in Iraq as a logistics officer. While in Iraq, David was stationed south of Baghdad, near Nasiriya. David also passed on information about several other classmates who have served or are currently serving in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. **Ed Panetta** served as a tank platoon leader with the Third Infantry Division leading the assault into Iraq. **Brent Osborn** and **Allen Cermak** are scout platoon leaders in the Fourth Infantry Division and are stationed north of Baghdad. **Mike Moynahan** is with the 101st Airborne Division as an infantry platoon leader stationed west of Baghdad. **Kurt Zwoboda** is an engineer with V Corps, stationed in Baghdad. \* Finally, believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about our fifth-year reunion. I will pass on any information as I receive it. Until then, keep sending me the great news.

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Greetings, Class of 2001! I hope you are all enjoying the nice weather. There is good news to share. \* Congratulations to **Meghan Burk** who married John C. Stacey on November 15, 2003. Meghan's longtime BC roommate, **Erika Pfeifer**, was a bridesmaid and **Becca Nealis** ('99) read at the ceremony. Other Eagles in attendance were **Kim Klunich**, **Kathleen Walsh**, **Alicia Fasi** and **Jorge Highland**. Meghan is currently pursuing graduate study at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, PA. She and her husband live in West Chester, PA. \* **Candice Condon** was married on May 10, 2003, to **Paul Cunningham** at St. Ignatius. Their bridal party consisted of a number of BC Class of 2001 alumni including **Megan Cunningham**, **Erin Haran**, **Lauren Hill**, **Christy Merullo**,

**Claudine Randolph**, **Laura Friedlander**, **Alli Beardsley**, **Mike Gabriel**, **John Kowaleski** and **C.J. Lind**, with many other BC friends in attendance. Candice now works as the assistant director of the annual fund at the Ethel Walker School, and they are enjoying living in Simsbury, CT, with their beagle puppy, Taylor, and cat, Hallie. Best wishes to them both! \* **Jeff Wells** is alive and well in New York City and writes to encourage more contributions to the class notes section. \* Finally, a special congratulations to **Kate Tooley**, a first lieutenant in the US Army, on her receipt of the Bronze Star for service in combat operations during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Her dad and fellow alum, **James Tooley** (GSSW '76), writes that Kate hoped to be back at her home base in Germany by March. The class of 2001 proudly thanks Kate and all of our classmates in the service for their efforts.

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**Emily Ball** wrote to say that she is finishing up her year of national service with AmeriCorps VISTA at Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner. Working through the Massachusetts Campus Compact, Emily has promoted service learning and civic engagement with faculty, students and administrators. This fall, she will be attending Columbia University's School of Social Work in New York City. \* **Daniel Sanz** is currently on a Fulbright fellowship at the Mendelssohn Conservatory in Leipzig, Germany, where he is studying the organ with Ullrich Boehme, organist of the Thomaskirche. Daniel has his lessons in the Thomaskirche, where Johann Sebastian Bach was music director for almost 30 years until his death. In March, Daniel performed an organ recital in Berlin's St. Hedwig Catholic Cathedral for an audience of over 300 people. He has just been awarded a full tuition scholarship to study organ with **James David Christie** and pursue a master's degree in historical performance at the Oberlin Conservatory in Ohio. Daniel still plays the Scottish Highland bagpipes.

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**David A. April** (MBA '74) has been named Chief Operating Officer at PROTEA Behavioral Health Services in Bangor, ME. PROTEA provides mental health substance abuse services for adults and children throughout Maine. \* **Eric A. Evans** (JD/MBA '02) is currently being profiled as an "ideal customer" by Fleet in its radio and television

advertising campaign. The advertisement series focuses on the benefits of online banking services for its busy customers. \* **William Howell** (MBA '81) launched William E. Howell, LLC, in July 2003. The new business provides business consulting and valuation services to small and medium-size organizations. Based in Lewiston, ME, William lives with his wife and daughter. \* **Christopher Kubala** (BA '93, MBA '00) was awarded Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation and is currently working at Bank of America as a project manager in the Finance Division in Charlotte, NC. He has two children, David (4) and Lily (2). \* **Yoshio Shiina** (MBA '90) has been appointed general manager of Fresh Del Monte Japan Co, Ltd. Currently he is concentrating his energies on strengthening the company's relationship with its distributors, shops and consumers. \* **Ryan Munder** (MBA '03) and his brother **Alex** are managing directors of Munder Brothers Mortgage. The firm, created in September 2003 in Palm Beach, FL, offers a range of high-end mortgage products. \* **Michael L. Buckley** (MBA '79) was named executive director of the Department of Medicine at Cambridge Health Alliance. Michael has spent 25 years in healthcare administration, most recently as director of business management and systems at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. He is the 2002 recipient of the Partners Excellence Leadership Award.

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**Carol Marchetti** (MS '02) co-authored an article on mood disorders in the "Primary Care of the Child with a Chronic Condition." **Joellen Hawkins** (MS '69) and **Lois Haggerty** (MS '69) are editors of the book *Diversity in Health Care Research*. One of the chapters was co-authored by Joellen and **Loretta Higgins** (MS '74). Joellen has been named consultant to the Obstetrics and Gynecology Devices Panel for the FDA. **Ann Marie McCarthy** (MS '76) is now associate professor and director of the doctoral program at the University of Iowa. Her area of research is children with chronic health conditions. **Lin Zhan** (PhD

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'93) is now the director of the doctoral program at UMass at Lowell. Constance Hendricks (PhD '92) is chair of graduate programs at Southern University. Laurel Radwin (MS '85, PhD '93) published an article on cancer patients and ratings of patient-centered care in *Journal of Nursing scholarship*. Patricia Connors (MS '97) wrote an article on shoulder dystocia for a recent issue of *Nursing Spectrum*. Jean D'Meza Leuner (MS '79) has been appointed director and professor of the School of Nursing at the University of Central Florida. Jean had previously been associate dean at Medical College of South Carolina. Karen Hassey Dow (PhD '92) has been awarded a five-year \$2 million grant from the National Institute for Nursing Research for a study on "Home vs. Center-based Weight Loss and Exercise in Menopause." She is also the principal investigator of another NINR study on quality of life intervention in breast cancer survivors. She is a faculty member at the University of Central Florida. Paul Arnstein (PhD '97) wrote the lead article on an issue devoted to chronic pain management in *Nursing Clinics of North America*. He also wrote two chapters in the book *Pain Management Made Incredibly Easy*. Paul recently was promoted to associate professor with tenure at Boston College School of Nursing. Margaret Kearney (MS '87) serves as member of the group at the National Institute of Nursing Research that reviews NRSA applications. Ditsapelo McFarland (PhD '99) published an article on cervical cancer and Pap smear screening in Botswana in *International Nursing Review*. Mary Margaret Segraves (PhD '00) is now President of the Alpha Chi (BC) chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International. Sandra Mott (MS '69) presented a poster on parenting a child living with hypoplastic left heart syndrome at the Society of Pediatric Nurses Conference.

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We learned of the death of two graduate alumni, and we extend our condolences to their families and friends. Wayne Knight (MED '65) died on December 30, 2003. Wayne, 61, had spent 35 years in education, retiring recently after 28 years with the Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind in Richmond, VA. He was a native of Fredericksburg, VA, and a member of the Goshen Baptist Church in Spotsylvania, VA. Albert Gibbons (MED '70), also 61, died on November 14, 2003. For more than 30 years, he served as principal of the Wrentham Elementary School, retiring in 2001. In June 2003, the school dedicated its new gymnasium to him. Albert was also very active in sports and coaching. "This guy was an icon," said the Wrentham superintendent of schools. "He was the definition of the Wrentham schools." \* Heather Long

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Molinero (MA '93) and her fiancé, Gilles, are pleased to announce the arrival of their daughter, Lolita Constance Cornelia Vandevoorde, who arrived on October 2, 2003. Lolita is a tri-citizen, the result of an American mom, a French papa and her birth in the Dominican Republic where the family currently resides. \* Rev. Francis S. Tebbe (MED '82) was named executive assistant to the president and secretary of the corporation at Saint Xavier University in Chicago, IL.

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Thank you to all of you who have sent updates. Please continue to send information that you would like to share with others so that we can include it in our next column. It is always a pleasure to hear from alumni and pass along news to the rest of the community. If you would like to submit address changes or look up old friends, you can access BC's Alumni Online Community at [www.bc.edu/alumni](http://www.bc.edu/alumni). \* Dale Van Meter (MSW '65), the secretary to the Board of Registration of Social Workers, is retiring after 22 years of service to the Division of Professional Leisure. Dale began his work for the board in 1982 and served as board chair for 12 years. Dale is also a Massachusetts DPH retiree. \* Andrea (Shushan) Burdick (MSW '95) has published her first novel, *Deja View*. Andrea is a practicing clinical social worker, as is the heroine of her novel, Zoe Wentworth. \* Robert Keane (MSW '87, PhD '04) has been appointed deputy commissioner for clinical and professional services for the Department of Mental Health. For the last six years, Bob has been regional director for the metro-Boston region of the Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership. \* Sister Mary Henrietta Domingo (MSW '96, PhD '02), a former part-time faculty member at the GSSW, was elected superior general of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Sisters. Sister Mary Henrietta has worked with the African and Nigerian Catholic communities in the Archdiocese of Boston. She is currently the president of the African Women Religious Conference, USA.

\* Don Emond (MSW '62) was honored by the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Corporations of Massachusetts for his four decades of outstanding work in the fields of mental health and social services. Don was presented with the Robert Dorwart, MD Award. Don is the president and CEO of the Family Service Association of Greater Fall River. Don is also a past president of the GSSW Alumni Association.

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Coral May Grout (MED '76) has been appointed superintendent of schools for the Acushnet Public Schools. Michael Gallo (MA '89) has completed his doctoral degree at Rutgers University. His thesis focused on the effect of label information on the interpretation of artwork. He's working at Rutgers, heading up the university's air compliance center, and says he looks to begin teaching at Rutgers as an adjunct professor. Vincent Kloskowski, III (MA '96), has been promoted to senior associate director of admissions at St. Joseph's College in Maine. The New England Association for College Admission Counseling (NEACAC) honored him last year with the Human Relations Award for Excellence in College Admission Counseling. He previously won NEACAC's 2000 College Counselor of the Year Award for the state of Maine.

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Enrique Vitug ('94) took his six-year-old to the San Francisco Bowl on New Year's Eve to watch the Eagles beat Colorado State. After graduating from Boston College, Enrique attended Babson College where he earned an MBA. On February 28, Enrique attended a ceremony where he assumed an elected position as regent for the American College of Healthcare Executives. Since April 2003, Enrique has been employed at Kaiser Permanente as a strategic planning consultant. Congratulations on all of your accomplishments, Enrique, and I am glad you enjoyed watching BC win the bowl game! \* The first week of March I traveled to Rome and Assisi. Assisi is truly a place of great beauty and peace. \* I would love to hear from more Intown, Evening College, CAS and WCAS graduates. \* Happy spring!



# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CHAPTER NOTES

Dear Friends,

When you receive this, many of you will have just returned home from Reunion 2004. We hope your weekend at the Heights was filled with many wonderful opportunities to catch up with old friends, reminisce about your days on the Quad and forge new connections with your fellow Eagles.

Here at the Alumni Association, the spring got off to a very strong start with a Florida swing in early March. Together with the southwest Florida chapter, the Alumni Association held a dialogue on the Church in the 21st Century, led by University President William P. Leahy, SJ, on March 4, 2004. Several senior University administrators, including Mary Lou DeLong NC '71, senior vice president of university relations; William B. Neenan, SJ, vice president and special assistant to the President; and Jim Husson, vice president of development, joined more than 200 alumni and friends for the event. Special thanks to Christopher Heaslip '86 of the southwest Florida chapter for his help in planning the evening. While in Florida, the chapter team met with numerous alumni in Palm Beach, Tampa, Fort Myers, Sarasota and Orlando and helped members of the southwest Florida chapter cheer on the Boston College Eagles in their annual exhibition game against the Boston Red Sox at the City of Palms Park in Fort Myers. The Eagles jumped to a 2-0 lead in the first inning but were unable to maintain their edge. The Sox won 9-4.

The Alumni Association also carried the Church in the 21st Century initiative to Atlanta in February, Chicago in March and Phoenix and Dallas in April. Now in its second year, this initiative continues to provide a valuable opportunity for alumni across the country to interact with Father Leahy around issues facing the Catholic Church. We would like to thank Charlie Rego '92 and Brian Paulson, SJ, for making the Chicago event so successful, and Karen Begelfer '95 for her enthusiastic support of the dialogue in Atlanta. Thanks also go to Christine Horstman '92 in Dallas and Marty Ridge '67 in Arizona. These events would not have been possible without the assistance and dedication of these chapter leaders.

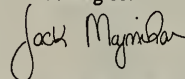
BC alums in the Northeast were also very active this spring, with organizational meetings in Westchester County and New York City, a Philadelphia chapter golf outing, the Gold Cup in Washington, DC, and the Maine chapter's cocktail party.

The Alumni Association was pleased to partner again this year with the Athletic Association for the Family Fun Day on April 17. We also were proud to be involved in the sixth annual Arts Festival, including the Alumni Evening on May 1 during which folk singer/songwriter Ellis Paul '87 was honored as the recipient of the Alumni Award for Artistic Achievement.

Early this summer, as part of the national program launch, we will be rolling out a series of enhanced volunteer resources, including the first-ever chapter leader handbook and chapter Web pages on the BC Online Community. Thanks to those of you who contributed to the content and reviewed early drafts of these new resources, none of which would have been possible without your support as we take this new initiative to the next level. Looking ahead to the fall, we are excited to work with our colleagues in the ACC as we prepare to join the conference and expand our chapter program accordingly.

These are exciting times for us at the Alumni Association, and on behalf of our entire team, thank you for your ongoing enthusiasm and support. Have a wonderful summer.

Go Eagles!



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1927	Paul L. Dalton	03/03
1928	Bernard A. McCabe	01/96
1929	Joseph L. Quinn	01/96
1929	Arthur J. Donnelly, CSSR	07/01
1930	Msgr. Joseph G. Regan	11/90
1930	Joseph E. Gill	01/86
1930	Thomas A. Walsh	12/01
1931	Msgr. James I. McNiff	02/04
1932	Lawrence P. McCarthy	08/99
1933	John J. Donovan	01/99
1933	John F. Mahoney	12/00
1933	David Rogell	
1934	Thomas J. Connaughton	01/04
1934	Thomas H. Fadden	02/04
1934	Maurice F. Joyce	03/04
1934	Peter A. Seward	09/02
1935	William J. Fitzsimons	03/04
1935	John B. Kennedy	01/04
1935	Louis J. Melanson	06/02
1935	William C. Nash	02/04
1936	Joseph E. Cosgrove	03/04
1936	George M. C. Goodwin	12/01
1937	William A. Carey	08/02
1937	John E. Keary	03/04
1937	John G. Lynch	01/04
1937	James E. Moran	01/04
1938	Daniel H. Cassidy, SSJ	01/96
1938	Paul J. Kelly	01/04
1938	Thomas J. McNamara	03/04
1938	Gerard N. Michaud	12/03
1938	John J. Murphy	03/04
1938	Henry S. Ryan	03/04
1938	John F. Tidgewell	05/00
1939	Edward T. Mahoney	02/04
1939	Joseph F. Regan	02/04
1940	Thomas E. Duffey	01/04
1940	Thomas W. Smithers	01/04
1941	George B. Casserly	05/84
1941	Paul J. McCabe	09/75
1941	Francis McCarthy	01/04
1941	Charles P. O'Neill	01/69
1942	Lawrence P. Healey	08/99
1942	John P. Keane	10/01
1942	David A. O'Keefe	12/99
1943	D. W. Folan	02/04
1943	Edward McGilvery	01/04
1943	William P. McGrath	01/04
1943	Sabino J. Rizzo	01/04
1943	David A. Splaine	01/79
1944	Antonio G. Armata	01/04
1944	Harry A. Grovo	01/04
1944	Walter H. Maloney	02/04
1944	George L. McLaughlin	05/02
1945	Rev. Robert F. Lemon	01/04
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1945	Roy A. Robichaud	02/03
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1947	John J. Callahan	03/04
1947	William S. Downey	01/04
1947	D. Richard Messina	02/00
1948	Edward H. Mulvey	01/92
1949	Robert R. Beauchemin	03/04
1949	Robert G. Curran	02/02
1949	James P. Harvey	12/03
1949	Robert J. McCloud	12/03
1949	John T. Moore	02/95
1949	Edward S. Stolarz	07/02
1950	James E. Bagley	03/02
1950	Clarence W. Baker	08/00
1950	John P. Burke	07/03
1950	John F. Connolly	01/04
1950	George F. Daly	03/04
1950	Paul M. Dellamano	03/04
1950	Mary Gregory Duquette	01/04
1950	Joseph W. Dyer	02/04
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1950	Robert J. Preskenis	11/02
1950	H. Paul Rico	01/04
1950	John J. Rochford	10/99
1950	Michael L. Steck	08/93
1951	Thomas J. Ahearn	08/01

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Joseph R. Cusick, Jr.	06/96
John J. Deacy, Jr.	01/04
Leonard F. Delosh	04/03
Richard A. Donohoe	01/04
Francis B. Flanagan	03/04
John B. Flynn	12/01
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Thomas J. Killion	12/01
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Frank Logue	11/01
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Rev. Edward J. Trainor	07/03
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Ronald M. Weyand	01/03
William F. Cleary	09/02
John T. Coakley	10/02
Paul T. Flynn	03/04
Arthur E. Foley	08/00
Loretta R. Ruggiero	08/03
Mary Phipps Stack	02/02
Timothy M. Thornton	06/95
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Michael J. Bowen	03/04
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Alice F. Gibbons	01/97
Richard E. Higham	02/04
George F. McLaughlin	03/04
James M. McSheffrey	03/04
M. Alberto Regele, CSJ	03/04
Mary Ignatius Calderan, SM	12/03
Paul F. Fogarty	01/04
Joseph P. Hynes	01/03
Catherine M. Joyce	03/04
Lawrence E. Kinsman	03/03
James V. McDaid	01/04
Albert J. McNamara	12/00
Patricia G. Waters	11/01
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## Meritorious Service

There are many ways to measure a university's success; yet perhaps few make a stronger statement than the number of people who year after year serve as volunteers to strengthen its resources. In recognition, Boston College presents six awards to its most outstanding volunteers at the annual Distinguished Volunteers Tribute Dinner, which was held April 2 at the Fairmont Copley Plaza.

Kathleen A. Corbet '82, a University trustee and chair of the trustee committee on development, opened the program by welcoming the crowd of more than 200 and acknowledging the enormous contributions made by volunteers. Following dinner, University President William P. Leahy, SJ, underscored Corbet's remarks, thanking the volunteers for their time and talent. Noting that this generous spirit is a time-honored tradition, Jonathan Evans '04 spoke briefly about the Senior Class Gift and his class's commitment to continuing this tradition.

Recognizing the evening's honorees, Fr. Leahy and Corbet made the award presentations. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Cleary Masters Award, named in honor of James F. Cleary '50, H '93, who is credited with bringing new levels of achievement to development at BC. The Cleary Award is given to those volunteers who distinguish themselves as "masters" by their exceptional leadership and imagination. Chosen as this year's recipient was Peter W. Bell '86. A cochairman of

the University's highly successful Ever to Excel capital campaign, which broke all previous fundraising records, Bell is also a University trustee and cofounder of the Boston College Technology Council.

The other awards presented were: the Curley Award to John L. Harrington '57, MBA '66; the newly established Outstanding Parent Volunteer Award to Katharine B. and Robert M. Devlin, P '88, '90;

the John J. Griffin, Sr., Class Agent Award to John F. Golden '63; the Callan Award to Daniel J. Denihan '69 and Albert J. Fitzgibbons III '67; and the Rising Star Award to Christina M. Sliwa '93.

## NETWORKING

A crowd of about 200 turned out for the third annual dinner of the Boston College Technology Council to hear Daniel J. Warmenhoven, CEO of Network Appliance, Inc., speak at the Boston College Club on March 25. The cofounders of the Technology Council, Daniel J. Nova '83 and Peter W. Bell '86, shared hosting duties, with Nova opening the program and giving a brief update on council activities. After University President William P.

Leahy, SJ, spoke, Bell introduced guest speaker Warmenhoven, noting that in addition to his professional responsibilities, Warmenhoven also is a member of the Technology Council's West Coast Executive Committee and a BC parent. A leader in enterprise data management and content delivery, Network Appliance under Warmenhoven has become a billion-dollar company. *Fortune Magazine* has included Network Appliance in

its "100 Best Companies to Work for in America" and *Business Week* named Warmenhoven one of its "Top 25 Managers for the Year" in 2001. The Boston College Technology Council, which opened a West Coast chapter last year, was established in 2001 by Bell and Nova to provide a forum for alumni and parents in the technology industry to come together to share expertise and support technology at Boston College.



WELCOMING COMMITTEE—University President William P. Leahy, SJ, joins (from left) Technology Council cochairman Peter W. Bell '86, featured speaker Daniel J. Warmenhoven, CEO of Network Appliance, Inc., and council cochairman Daniel J. Nova '83.

ROBERT SHEEHAN



**SALMON LUNCHEON CLUB**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2004**  
**11:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M.**



*Seated, from left: Peter Bing '06 (Big Sky, Montana), Lindsey Eulberg '05 (Seattle, Washington), Kelly Hickman '05 (Seattle, Washington). Standing, from left: Christy Slavik '05 (Portland, Oregon), Colleen Gordon '05 (Beaverton, Oregon), Brian Ferrasci-O'Malley '04 (Tualatin, Oregon), William B. Neenan, SJ (Sioux City, Iowa)*

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**THE OCCASION**

Special Assistant to the President William B. Neenan, SJ, has a well-known penchant for geography and organizes his small-group luncheons accordingly. He created the Iowa-Nebraska Club in 1981 and soon followed with the Lone Star Club, the NoDakSoDakMoKan Club, and others—including today's, for students from the Pacific Northwest, held in an admission conference room in Devlin Hall. The regional get-togethers were born, Fr. Neenan explains as he welcomes the group, "because I love Bostonians, but there's a language barrier." Students drop in late or leave early for class—the turnover so great that introductions go around the table three times in two hours. Fr. Neenan also finds time to test group knowledge



of major bodies of water and to solicit views on current campus events.

**AMBIENCE**

A spacious room with wooden table and upholstered chairs. The large Gothic window looks out on construction of a giant white tent on O'Neill Plaza, for the Arts Festival

**MENU**

Selection of wraps, strawberries, potato chips, bowls of mayonnaise and mustard, chocolate chip cookies

**REFERENCES**

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Academic Vice President Jack Neuhauser, Helen of Alexandria, Rocky Marciano, Lewis & Clark, Albert Gallatin, Joel E. Ferris

**OVERHEARD**

"I spent a lot of my childhood driving around Washington taking the lambs to market." • "Part of a Jesuit education is using your imagination. Salmon is a metaphor."







## FACULTY-STUDENT SHABBAT FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2004 7:00–8:15 P.M.

### THE OCCASION

Once a semester, members of the Jewish students' association, Hillel, follow their Friday evening service with a communal dinner in an all-purpose room adjoining the interfaith chapel at 66 Commonwealth Avenue. The gathering includes current and retired faculty, undergraduates and law students, alumni, staff, and friends.

Sophomore Sasha Westerman, who leads the evening's service, removes the satin embroidered napkin covering the challah and speaks a blessing. After the meal, while Hillel members stack folding tables against the wall, faculty advisor Dan Kirschner, a BC biology professor, takes up the violin he played

Foreground, from left, Christie Pride '06, David Shinchuk '98, William Markis '01, Eric Craig '05, Leah Ben-Ami '06, Michael Chirlin, Ari Shapiro '01. Sitting at rear, from left: Dan Pyster '06, Lauren Hill '04, Sander Glaser (exchange student, BC Law), Sasha Westerman '06, Adeane Bregman (BC librarian), Prof. Rachel Spector '72, MS '74 (Capstone). Standing, from left: Prof. Alan Marcus (finance), Prof. Dan Kirschner (biology), Gillian Rogell, Kim Fass '06, Sam Joseph '06, Prof. Robert Gross (mathematics), David Schimmel, Manny Spector (BC squash instructor)



during the service and improvises a tune from *Fiddler on the Roof*.

### AMBIENCE

Wood beams and brown tile floor, tables in a "w" configuration, two identical wall hangings of a country path, exercise bikes in the corner

### MENU

Kosher buffet: challah, pasta salad with olives, green beans with portobello mushrooms, beef with peapods over lettuce, non-dairy cookies and brownies, grape juice in Dixie cups

### REFERENCES

The Jewish chaplain at Tufts, George W. Bush, the Jewish community of Alicante, Spain

### OVERHEARD

"Shabbat shalom." • "A seder's not a seder unless you have somebody over who has no place to go for seder."



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# PILGRIMS:

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HAS COMPELLED HIS  
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CHURCH

BY PAUL ELIE





## THE UNCERTAIN JOURNEY OF AMERICAN CATHOLICS

THE DAY AFTER JOHN F. KENNEDY WAS ASSASSINATED, FLANNERY O'CONNOR wrote a letter to her friend Sally Fitzgerald, who was living abroad at the time. "The President's death has cut up the country pretty bad," she reported. "All commercial television is stopped until after the funeral and even the football games called off, which is about the extremest sign of grief possible."

In some ways it's a characteristic O'Connor remark: funny, unsentimental, informal, regional in emphasis. Here was a writer who could make a joke, and an insightful one, about the grisly death of a president. But it's also a remark that's instructive in what it does not say. Writing to a friend, a Catholic like herself and a Fitzgerald to boot, O'Connor says nothing about good and evil, nothing about the dashed expectations of American Catholics, nothing about the images of crucifixion and martyrdom the killing had called forth in the press. Here was a writer who knew better than to look for signs of the times in the usual places. Better to find them in the interrupted rituals of football and TV.

I was led to recall that remark earlier this year, when, as Lent began, a Lent that promised once again to be thick with news reports about controversy among Catholics—this time over Mel Gibson's film dramatization of the Passion—I found myself thinking about, and then writing about, the signs of the times found in a short story that has little to do with Catholics or Catholicism.

The story, by Jhumpa Lahiri, is "This Blessed House," from *Interpreter of Maladies*, which won a Pulitzer Prize a few years back. Like the other stories in the book, "This Blessed House" is about young people of Indian descent making lives for themselves in America. In this case they are newlyweds. Sanjeev, born in Calcutta, is an MIT-trained engineer. Tanima—nicknamed Twinkle during her girlhood in California—is a graduate student in English. Their marriage was arranged by their parents. So was their wedding, a party for friends and relatives, many of whom they'd never met. So was their honey-





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moon, a journey through India and its traditions, from which these “good little Hindus,” as Twinkle calls them, are estranged.

As the story opens, the newlyweds are moving into a grand old house in Connecticut. It has fireplaces and an elegant staircase, and also some furnishings they didn’t expect to find. A porcelain effigy of Christ tucked away in a cupboard above the stove. A “blond, unbearded Jesus delivering a sermon on a mountaintop.” A “larger than life watercolor poster of Christ, weeping translucent tears the size of peanut shells.” A “3-D postcard of St. Francis . . . taped to the back of the medicine cabinet.” And, hid-

den behind an overgrown forsythia bush, “a blue plaster Virgin Mary as tall as their waists, with a blue painted hood draped over her head in the manner of an Indian bride.”

The action of “This Blessed House” has to do with how two “good little Hindus” come to terms with the “sizeable collection of Christian paraphernalia” that now belongs to them. As the story begins, these devotional objects are an offense to the engineer husband and a curiosity to the literary-critical wife. As the story develops, the objects come to seem something like blessed—and the newlyweds’ encounter with them is what turns an arranged marriage into a real marriage.

As I read the story, though, I found myself wondering why those Christian objects were left behind in the first place, and what their presence suggested about the nature of the previous owners’ faith.

Maybe the people who moved out of the house left Jesus, Mary, and the saints behind as a way of abandoning them, shaking the dust of Catholic culture off their boots.

Or maybe they left the religious figures in place out of respect—as if, after many years in the house, Jesus and Mary and St. Francis had become indigenous to the house, part of the landscape.

Or maybe they left in a hurry and could take only the possessions they considered essential—and found that Jesus and Mary and their plaster-of-Paris cohorts weren’t essential.

Maybe they died and took their faith with them.

The story isn’t about the religious faith of the peo-



ple who used to live in that house. It isn't a story about religion at all. But I have midrashed the story at some length because it seems to me that the significance of those objects, the charge they give off to the reader, might tell us something about the beliefs of American Catholics today.

In these early years of the 21st century—which, if you count back to Columbus, is the eighth century in which there has been a Catholic presence in the Americas—it is hard to say whether the religious faith of American Catholics is something being cast off and left behind; something accepted, even taken for granted, as part of the landscape; or something with a powerful but indeterminate religious charge, now sacred, now profane, depending on the circumstances.

For the people who would lead American Catholics, a lack of certainty on this point is a problem, and one for which, these leaders often suggest, American Catholics themselves are especially to blame.

For the Catholic writer, however, this lack of certainty is the occasion of conflict, and so the source of drama, for this writer has been forced to recognize that it is in the quandaries of the would-be believer that the characteristic religious experience of our time is to be found—in the gropings of people who realize, often in the unlikeliest of circumstances, that they are believers in spite of themselves.

I AM THE AUTHOR OF A BOOK ABOUT four great American Catholics of the last century: Dorothy Day, foundress of the Catholic Worker movement and editor of its newspaper; Thomas Merton, the Trappist monk and ceaseless chronicler of the inner life of the contemplative; Walker Percy, novelist, philosopher, and last gentleman of the South; and Flannery O'Connor, the "Christ-haunted" literary prodigy whose work has become the gold standard for Catholic fiction in its time.

The book, *The Life You Save May Be Your Own*, is about their lives and works and the way these seem in retrospect to converge in the middle of the last century, so that their four pilgrimages seem aspects of a single pilgrimage—from the God-obsessed past of Dante and Dostoyevsky out into the thrilling chaos of post-war America.

Pilgrimage is a motif that runs all through their work, from Dorothy Day's long-running *Catholic Worker* column called "On Pilgrimage" to the biography of Walker Percy called *Pilgrim in the Ruins*; but as I sought to tell the story of their pilgrimage I found no one clear expression of what a pilgrimage is. So I

searched their lives and their books and came up with a working idea, and it is this:

A pilgrimage is a journey taken in light of a story. The story precedes us: We've read it, we've heard it, we've been raised in it, in many instances. And at some point we need to test that story with our own experience—to read it with our lives and make it our own.

A pilgrimage—whether Dante's or our own—has certain distinguishing features. The pilgrim sets out on a path that others have taken, hoping to witness what others have seen—to see it with his or her own eyes. Pilgrims travel in company, but each must encounter the holy site personally. Finally, the pilgrims, on their return, tell others what they have seen and heard, so that others might be moved to set out on pilgrimage themselves—to go and do likewise.

*The Life You Save May Be Your Own*, then, is the story of a pilgrimage in which four writers took the models of European Christianity—which they found expressed most powerfully in certain great books—and made them their own in the circumstances of 20th-century America. But it is also the story of the pilgrimage of American Catholics as a whole—about the diverse ways in which the pattern of pilgrimage runs through the life of the Church and through our individual lives.

I have had the good fortune to be invited to speak about the book at events around the country, and inevitably two questions arise. One is this: Who are those four writers' successors—or, to put it differently, why don't they have any successors? How can it be that their pilgrimage came to an end so abruptly?

Now, they obviously do have successors—the American Catholics who came of age in the time of the Second Vatican Council. And on the face of it there is plenty of evidence that the pilgrimage is still ongoing: The Church is actually growing, American Catholics have kept faith in an extraordinary variety of ways, and there is no shortage of writers with something to say about this or that aspect of the so-called American Catholic experience.

But to judge from my encounters with readers at those book events, there is no denying that as the American Catholics who were raised before the Second Vatican Council ponder last things, one's sense of an ending is strong.

If a certain pilgrimage, an epoch in the history of the Church in these parts, is now coming to an end, it is the pilgrimage that had Vatican II at its center. And, that being the case, the sense of an ending is all the stronger, because it was with Vatican II that—doctrinally speaking—the Church finally entered history, as the council fathers countered several centuries of



dogma that situated the Church above history with the affirmation that the Church is the “people of God” on a pilgrimage in time—as the Lord’s command to bring the good news to the ends of the earth takes root among diverse peoples in particular eras and societies.

And yet the practical effect of the Church’s entry into history—in America, at least—was paradoxical and bewildering. Catholics actually became estranged from their history.

The council may have been a “return to the sources” of Catholic thought and life, but in this country, at least, it was welcomed as a new thing altogether. In a stroke the immigrant Church was done away with, the Catholic children of the baby boom came of age, and a new and up-to-date American Catholicism was put in place.

So it was, evidently, for the people who came of age in the 1960s, and who have left us countless novels and memoirs about the experience. But for many of us who came of age later, the council seemed to have reduced the long Catholic past to an assemblage of 3-D St. Francis and watercolor Jesuses weeping translucent tears—and to have banished it all to the attic. A sense of the distance between the Catholic past and the Catholic present became a defining aspect of our religious experience. Religious life, for this generation, became a kind of wire-walk across the gap between history and experience.

Now, many people would say that this state of things has been arrested by the present pope. Yet John Paul also is a member of the Vatican II generation: Exactly half his life has passed on each side of the council. And his sense of history, too, can be paradoxical and bewildering. He has energetically reaffirmed teachings that seem defiant of history, or not cognizant of it. He is not immune to the Old World tendency to lord history over us New World naifs. And his long public decline has only heightened the sense of an ending—of a loss of vigor in the Church in general.

THE CHARACTERS IN JHUMPA LAHIRI’S story were raised, as I was, in the years after Vatican II, and the story plays on the comic mismatch between the European Catholic past and the American Catholic present in the way so much recent Catholic fiction does. But because Sanjeev and Twinkle are “good little Hindus” and not, say, Boston Irish Catholics, the story calls our attention to some profound changes in American religious life that the conciliar coming-of-age story can obscure.

One is the extent to which American society has

changed in the past 35 years, with striking effects in the life of the churches. The writer Richard Rodriguez, for example, depicts the middle Sixties—the Vatican II years—as crucial years in his story of the “browning” of America, a change that had more to do with immigration from without than assimilation from within. In Rodriguez’s account, 1965 was the year when U.S. immigration laws were changed in such a way as to call forth several million immigrants from Asia—the likes of Sanjeev and Twinkle among them.

For these immigrants, Vatican II American Catholicism is not a new thing, not a suddenly formidable rival to Protestantism, not a cure for all the ills of the immigrant Church or a watering-down of ancient orthodoxy. For them, it is simply the local expression of the native religion.

That this is so is the result of another great change: the emergence of the Catholic Church as the dominant Christian body in the United States. Just when American Catholics were leaving their religious history behind, American Catholicism was becoming a fixture in the country’s religious landscape.

This change is especially apparent in New England, where for two centuries, to speak of immigrants was to speak of Catholics, and to speak of pilgrimage was to speak of the Pilgrims. But things have changed. The Catholic faith has become indigenous in New England, to the point where reporters describing the recent scandal in the Church referred reflexively to its effects in “Catholic Boston.”

And in that change, perhaps, is found the answer to the other question I have been asked these past few months in connection with my book: “How does the pilgrimage of the four writers bear on the crisis in the Church today? What can they tell us about the scandal of priestly sexual abuse and the cover-up by the bishops?”

I CAN’T SPEAK FOR THOSE WRITERS, only for this one. And it is my view that the scandal will inform the pilgrimage of today’s American Catholics the way the Second Vatican Council did the pilgrimage of the generation before ours.

Not so long ago I might have stood here and told you that the American Catholics of today were akin to the “good little Hindus” of “This Blessed House”—that for many of us Catholicism seems like somebody else’s religion. Its previous owners have left in haste and disarray. Its sacred images are encountered inadvertently and against one’s will, now threatening, now bewildering, now kitschy, now a source of the genuine



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a story so appalling, so contrary to all that is true in Christian faith and practice, that it calls faith and practice into question.

No longer are American Catholics today akin to those "good little Hindus," looking with detached curiosity on the canonical images of modern Catholic kitsch. We are more like the people who left that grand old house in disarray. Some of us have abandoned faith in disgust and astonishment, have died to the spirit once and for all. Some of us have left the Catholic furniture in place, part of the landscape, even though, in truth, we have moved on. Some of us, contrariwise, have kept faith but left behind the appurtenances of American Catholic belief. And yet some of us have discovered, in our betrayal and sense of violation, that our Catholic faith goes deeper toward the core of ourselves than we had suspected.

Whereas Vatican II was characterized by a domestic image—the "opening of the windows"—our entry into history today is characterized by images of flight. For this writer, two such images stand out, joined together in a kind of diptych. One is the image of Boston's cardinal archbishop dining out in a restaurant in Rome—having caught a flight out of Logan for the weekend—when he was said to be on solitary retreat in New England praying over his predicament. The other is the image of a man, a victim of priestly sexual abuse, absorbed in prayer behind the steering wheel at a traffic light, for, as he told a reporter for the *New York Times*, he no longer feels safe praying in the church, or anywhere except "in my vehicle."

The leader of the bishops' conference recently

curiosity that can prompt an indifferent husband to feel, in the presence of his new bride and the sacred images that have caught her fancy, "as if the world contained hidden wonders he could not anticipate, or see."

I might have told you, in short, that American Catholics more than ever were estranged from their history.

Well, we are now in a different age and facing a different predicament. And the difference is this. With the scandal of priestly sexual abuse, the American Catholics of today have entered history at last. The exciting story of an ecumenical council and its aftermath has been interrupted once and for all, pushed aside by





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characterized the priestly sexual abuse scandal as “history.” So it is, but not in the sense he meant. It is not past; it is a provocation and a point of departure.

Those who would lead the Church are concerned about the scandal’s long-term effects. But the Catholic writer knows that these effects are not to be assessed sociologically and in aggregate—in terms of parish affiliation, annual giving patterns, and the like—but are to be contemplated and dramatized, one would-be believer at a time.

With that in mind, this writer can see that an encounter with the Church at a low point in its history is not necessarily unfortunate. For one thing, there are

plenty of other low points in the Church’s history, and any genuine Catholic faith must take account of them.

For another—and this is the heart of the matter—the scandal has made apparent that many of the American Catholics of today have been living on the faith of our predecessors. Now we have begun, with weeping and gnashing of teeth, to encounter this faith tradition for ourselves, so that we might make it our own, whatever the consequences. The would-be believer of this generation hasn’t lost her faith so much as her fideism, her willingness to take faith itself on faith.

When *The Moviegoer* won the National Book Award, Walker Percy was asked why there were so many good Southern writers. “Because we lost the War,” he said, and Flannery O’Connor later glossed his remark with startling eloquence. “What he was saying is that we have had our Fall,” she explained. “We have gone into the world with an inburnt sense of human limitations, and with a sense of mystery that could not have developed in our first state of innocence—as it has not developed sufficiently in the rest of the country.”

And so it may be today. I suspect that the scandal has in its sad and wounding way sent today’s Catholics back to the sources of religious faith, much the way the council did our predecessors. Is there a God? What might it mean that God came to earth, lived, died, and rose again? What might it mean to follow him?

For this generation the pattern of pilgrimage is not the one suggested by Pentecost, after which the disciples went forth to bring the good news to all the na-

tions, each in his own language. It is the pattern of Lent. We begin literally at the bottom, as dust, humbled, broken, divided, and venture forth from there. Instead of measuring our lives and the life of the Church today against the success story of the American Catholic coming of age, we must measure them against the gospel story, which is a story of failure, of division, of violence.

A NEW AGE REQUIRES A NEW PILGRIMAGE. But it seems to me that today's Catholics might look for example to the great pilgrims of the era that led up to the Second Vatican Council—to Dorothy Day, Thomas Merton, Walker Percy, and Flannery O'Connor, who found and kept Catholic faith by making it their own.

For one thing, those writers' lives and works remind us that the business of the Christian believer, first of all, is not to fix the Church, not to change the Church, but to follow Christ: to discern the pattern of Christian pilgrimage in our individual lives and to act upon it accordingly. They prompt us to ask: On the Church's "pilgrimage in time," what paths are our individual pilgrimages meant to take? What will the varieties of 21st-century Catholic experience be? What might a life of holiness or sanctity look like?

At the same time, those writers remind us that religious experience is not merely subjective, and that the Christian story—so Catholics believe—is not just a story but a true story, a work of nonfiction.

For those writers, it was a matter of conviction that as human beings all of us have the pattern of pilgrimage inscribed within us—that just as the word "history" contains story within it, so our earthly pilgrimage contains the image of Christ at its root or end.

Dorothy Day's charity and her pacifism both stemmed from her belief that in the stranger, in every stranger, friend or foe, the image of Christ is found.

Walker Percy found the basis of his faith in what he called the "Christian anthropology"—the Church's understanding of the human person as a creature at once broken and fixed.

Thomas Merton described the "disintegrated wandering" that comes about when the outer pilgrimage does not correspond to the inner one, a journey to the encounter with the living God in contemplative prayer, the experience toward which, he believed, human nature is oriented.

Flannery O'Connor found an image of this belief in her story "Parker's Back," in which a man has a Byzantine Christ tattooed into his back in acknowledgment that he is made in the image of God.

Catholics believe that every human person is inscribed with the image of God, and that in some sense we are all on pilgrimage together, bound for a common destination. This is another way of saying that the Christian story is not only a true story; it is a story—so we believe—which everybody ought to know, for each of our pilgrimages must pass, will pass, whether we like it or not, by the foot of the cross.

By these lights, the "good little Hindus" who move into the house are inscribed with the image of God no less than the Catholics who moved out, and the image of that blessed house with figures of Christ and Mary and the saints in the corners is akin to the Catholic image of the human soul.

In my experience, the Church's claim to be the bearer of salvation for all is the hardest of all the hard sayings. It is this claim, as much as the sins of the priests and bishops, that makes our religion scandalous to the American Catholic of today.

Only a true naif would hope that the American Catholics of today might somehow overcome this double stumbling block—the scandal in the Church, and the scandal of faith—without conflict and anguish. And yet only a naif would think that the image of God on which our pilgrimage depends—an image inscribed by an Other and made vivid by culture—could be blotted out altogether by scandal.

It may be that the would-be believer will never become a believer—that the flight of American Catholics today will never turn into a genuine pilgrimage. It may be that today's American Catholics will remain pilgrims in spite of ourselves, oriented toward a destination of which we are unaware or indifferent or openly disdainful, even as it promises to make the difference between our lives being saved and merely being survived or salvaged.

Only a cynic would hope for such an outcome. But only a cynic—one of a different kind—would presume to say that the terrible events of recent years have been good for the Church in this country, that they are something like—I have heard it said—an occasion of grace. For one thing, the granting of grace is out of our hands. For another, it is too soon to tell: Although the hour is late, the pilgrimage of today's American Catholics is only just beginning.

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# NIGHT LIFE

FROM A NEW NOVEL BY ELIZABETH GRAVER

Picture your child as one in half a million, with a condition so rare that it takes months, after he's born, for it to be correctly diagnosed. Picture the white cotton weave on his blanket when you put him in his car seat under a tree, how within minutes, the open weave of that cloth has imprinted itself on his skin like a tattoo, a rising, welting rash. Allergies, says the doctor, prescribing cortisone, but meanwhile the infant is still swelling, blistering, his eyes squeezed shut, his mouth an open ring of pain. Picture the hike you take with your baby strapped to your chest, a rocky climb to the top of a mountain in New

Hampshire, the fresh young family, the older boy who clambers, sturdy, up the rocks. How the new one cries and cries, howling so hard that as you rush back down the trail, you can think only of wanting to tuck him back inside you, return him, unbirth him.

Tests and speculations, then, charts and results, until—finally—a name: xeroderma pigmentosum. You've never heard of it. The words are twisty, warty, on your tongue. Xeroderma pigmentosum. XP. Flawed DNA repair system. Hypersensitivity to ultraviolet light. Skin cancer, eye cancer, at a thousand times the normal rate. Only a thousand known cases worldwide. The X moves into your house. The P moves in. You gather up the facts, gather up the children. A new planet, this, and you, it seems, the only people on it. Once you were a lover of light, a traveler of lands. Now you darken the windows, batten the hatches, close the doors. Slowly, as time passes, this begins to feel like all you've ever known. You grow accustomed to the dark. You live—you often even love—your life.

IT WAS mid-February of Max's ninth year that I first showed him the camp on the computer. It was close to midnight; we were taking a break from his lessons, Ian and Adam asleep. The link to Camp Luna sat on the XP Society's home page below a photo of a canoe on a lake. There were two kids in the canoe, wearing tank tops and orange life preservers and holding their paddles aloft. You



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could tell from their red pupils that a flash had gone off, but still the photo had an air of light about it, the glint of water, the reach of arms. Perhaps it was this image, newly posted, that made me bring the camp up to Max, when other nights I'd passed it by. Or maybe something else: a readiness. I went to the link; I clicked.

"Come see," I told Max. "It's about a camp for kids with XP."

He slid into his desk chair, and then we were there, on the black page with its winking yellow moon, while outside the real moon shone and, next to me, my boy's eyes looked at a screen that might, for once, lead into a world of actual

flesh and blood. I started skimming the text on the home page: Secluded lake . . . for children with XP and other light-sensitivity disorders . . . limited spots . . . free. (Could it be true? How had I not noticed it the year before?)

Before I could read further, Max took the mouse from me and clicked on an icon that led us to pictures of the previous year's camp. There were children mugging for the camera and gathered around a campfire, girls with their arms draped around one another's shoulders, kids angling toward a volleyball. Max studied the photographs. I watched him watching, tried to let him be. He'd only ever met two other children with XP, both at dermatology conferences where we'd gone to meet the scientists and look for help. Those kids had been much worse off than Max. One had been diagnosed late and had needed over 40 surgeries to remove cancers; the other had the strain of the disease that leads to neurological damage—at 12, she was deaf and could neither walk nor talk. Max clicked again and we saw a lake, a string of lights, three adults on a bench, holding up some sort of papier-mâché beast. Again he clicked. A child looked out at us, his skin pocked, his grin lopsided as if part of his jaw had been sliced off.

"All right," I told him, my voice thin, but still he wouldn't stop. He went through all the pictures, once and then again, leaning ever closer.

Finally, he sat back. "Say we're coming. So they save us a spot. Okay?"

"Hold on, sweetie," I said. "We need to talk to Dad first and figure out our schedules. He has summer school, and Adam's signed up for soccer camp, remember? There are a lot of things we'd need to find out."

"Dad—" he started to call, heading for the door.

"No." I got up and stopped him with my arm, then leaned back and clicked us to the home page, away from the wounded boy. "Tomorrow's a school day. We'll ask him later."

I didn't tell him that I had, in fact, read about the camp on the listserv the year before and suggested it to Ian then. He had dismissed it for a hundred practical reasons and (though he didn't admit it) a deeper one—he didn't want Max dumped into the collective stew of the disease. I hadn't pushed. I hadn't even investigated further. We'd grown comfortable in our lives, all of us wary of change. Instead of camp, we'd gone on a short vacation to southern Maine, staying in Ian's cousin's empty summerhouse. We took the kids to an amusement park one night and to an outdoor movie on another. On our last night, we raced down a long beach, singing and throwing pebbles into the phosphorescent tide.

All that was nice, but the house had picture windows we had to cover with flattened cardboard boxes and black garbage bags, and the town was so small that no stores stayed open late. When we walked down Main Street in the

late afternoon, people stared at Max, who was covered head to toe—ski mask, sunglasses, high-tops, gloves. Yes, we know it's hot out, I'd wanted to shout. Keep your eyes to yourselves! But oh the sea was vast, and the paths outside the house were lined with crushed white shells, and everything tasted of salt. I came home with both a renewed hunger for the outside world and a newly kindled anger at its obtuse and sunny ways. Was this the beginning, a gradual tilting of the scales? Next year, I remember telling Ian, next year it's my turn to pick.

Now Max stood by the door and hopped from foot to foot. I squeezed myself between him and the door. "Let's do some spelling."

"No, Mom, please." His voice rose. "Really, he won't mind if I wake him, he never—"

"He needs to sleep so he can work tomorrow. You know that. Okay, *camp*. Four letters, starts with . . ."

He sighed, then rattled it off.

"Yes. *Luna*."

"Um. L-U-N-A."

"Great. *Marshmallow*."

"M-A—I don't know. What if tomorrow there's no room left?"

"That won't happen overnight. Sound it out, possum, you were doing great."

"Do they eat them there?" He twined his arms around me, smelling of soap and the faintest glaze of sweat.

"Possums? I hope not."

He swatted at my behind. "Marshmallows."

"Oh. Probably. It's a camp."

"Can I go, Mama. Please?" Butterfly kisses up and down my arm.

I kissed him back, once, on the nose. "I think there's a good chance. We can try to work it out for a week or two—that's all I can say right now. I'm sorry. I need to talk to Dad."

He detached himself from me and began tearing around his small room, loping past the closet, climbing the bunk bed, jumping down to trace his hand along the windowsill, where he stopped to play with a corner of the window film.

"Don't peel it," I warned. "Try to settle down. After spelling, we can go outside."

"Adam goes to camp." Now his voice was bitter, almost defeated. "Everybody goes except for me." He threw himself onto his bed and spoke into his pillow. "Why won't you just say yes?"

I should, of course, have made sure the camp was certified, real. I should have asked Ian first, consulted Adam. We were a tight, well-oiled machine, my little family. When one part moved, the rest followed; things rarely happened without consultation, by themselves. I looked up. Max's eyes watching me over the pillow were too wise for a child his age. It was partly the faint web of wrinkles around them. It was partly the longing there, the way it was all bound up



with too much knowledge—of the danger of just one minute under the sun for this boy born into the wrong elements, a fish spawned out of water, a land bird hatched under the sea. He asked for so little, really, when it came down to it. He lived with such grace inside his box.

"All right," I told him. "You can go, if they have room."

He smiled broadly, a child again, and sprang up, high-fiving the air. Then he stopped, suddenly serious. "Will you come with me?"

I nodded. "It says the families go, too." Already I was panicking at having made a unilateral decision, but I also knew I couldn't undo it, not once I'd said the words.

"And Dad and Adam?" Max was almost shouting.

"Shhh. You'll wake them."

"We'll all go," he said happily, as if everyone had just agreed.

The spelling words I chose that night all had to do with summer camps, though I'd never attended one myself—*swimming, lifeguard, firefly, cabin, badge, craft, mess kit, out-house, matches*. Max tossed them back at me, always a good speller, and then we stopped so he could go downstairs for recess, a half-hour romp around the yard.

As I stood on our back stoop, I knew he wasn't alone there, not like he usually was, a boy running solo through the cold night air while up and down the block, the neigh-

THAT YEAR, Camp Luna ran the first three weeks of August, and while it wasn't a long period, somehow time seemed to slow down. There were 11 XP kids our first year, plus siblings and parents, close to 40 people in all. There was Étienne from France, his sister, Natalie, and their parents, Françoise and Henri. They wore ironed T-shirts, that scrubbed, polite French family, and folded their cloth napkins in small triangles, like flags. There was Anil, come alone all the way from Nepal, his airfare paid for by the camp. He was 18, the oldest of the XP kids. He'd had two siblings with XP—both of them dead now—and a pocked face and body, a wistful smile.

There was Nicole from Alabama, daughter of Carole and John, the type who might, in another life, have been a cheerleader, a sunbather. There was Helen, the girl who could see by night but not by day, and her parents, two sweet economists who squinted at the world through thick-lensed glasses. There was Carl, son of Josh and Angela, who'd had a malignant melanoma excised six months before and had just finished his course of chemotherapy, and Sara, whose left ear had been removed to take the cancer with it. There was seven-year-old Andy, who had XP and stayed close by the side of his fraternal twin brother Russ, who did not. There were children with skin smooth or scarred, freckled or clear. The lucky ones, like Max, had been diagnosed early. The others were like a fast-forward movie, the aging process quickened. You might, had you stumbled into one of the bathrooms in the lodge, think you'd come across the accessories of a theater troupe, the sills and sinks strewn with bottles of lotion, cakes and tubes of makeup, sunglasses and hats.

There was Alida, of course—Hal's only child, born when he was 42 to a mother who died when her child was not quite one. There was Tommy, Marnie's son, the flukiest fluke of all in that he'd come—half of him had—from a sperm bank, a catalogue of anonymous donors. Marnie and her girlfriend at the time had gone over and over the list, finally settling on a cluster of features that appealed to them: dark brown eyes, a love of animals, a highish IQ score, no known family history of mental illness. Good genes. I once read somewhere

that 99.9 percent of human genes are identical. It's the 0.1 percent that spins us off, makes us who we are—takes, sometimes, our very lives.

IT WAS CLOSE to five o'clock. Day was, as they say, breaking—like an eggshell or a vase. We were quiet walking back up the lawn to the lodge, Marnie's arm around Tommy's shoulder, mine around Max's, and though it wasn't



bors' children slept. He wasn't there at all that night, though his body circled and his lungs drank air. Already, I knew, Max was chasing after the children he'd seen on the computer screen. They would gather; he would gather with them—rare moths, regular old kids. He was throwing twigs onto a bonfire and watching them burn, kneeling by the lake, draping his arms around his friends to pose for the camera, their eyes briefly blinded by the flash.

yet light, I could see the sunrise before it happened. Other people were heading to bed, too, moving faster than we were. Hal passed us and whispered hello, Alida asleep in his arms. Nicole, Jess, Amy, the twins, and Étienne passed us, still talking; I could hear him teaching them French words.

I climbed the stairs with Max to the room he shared with his brother and found Adam asleep on one bed, still in his tank top, cutoffs, and sneakers, and Ian asleep on the other, the night-light glowing in its outlet. I started to wake them, then thought better of it. How peaceful they looked, each curled around a pillow, facing each other. In sleep, Adam seemed younger and less guarded, and I remembered how I used to watch him doze when he was just a few months old—the twitching, veined eyelids, the mouth that moved from a pucker to a half smile to repose, his thoughts opaque. I used to think that once my children learned to talk, I would gain access to their inner lives, but their words were just as often screens as entry points. Fine, Adam would say lately when I asked him a question. Good. No problem. Sure. Whatever. My affable baby had turned, on the surface, into an affable 13-year-old, but meanwhile his fingers were worrying at the pimples on his chin; his eyes were glazed, or glaring, or far away.

I bent to take his sneakers off. I pulled a blanket over him and kissed his forehead. Still, he slept. He and Ian had spent the evening together. Ian had suggested it after I'd told him I thought Adam seemed a little lost. I'll take him on a canoe ride or walk, he had said. Something where we can talk. That's a good idea, I'd answered, but now I wanted to know what they had said to each other. More and more, Adam seemed to be entering a realm where I wasn't welcome. Did they talk about girls as they paddled across the lake? Did they discuss wet dreams or soccer strategies or mortality, or just sit in easy silence, something Ian has always done well?

I took Max's pajamas from where they hung on a hook. "Come," I whispered. "Let's not disturb them. You can sleep with me." . . .

"Do you think Arno is okay?" Max asked, of our gerbil back home.

"Yes, of course. But we can check with Rachel tomorrow."

"If Arno gets out again, he'll dig a maze of tunnels in the yard, not just for him but for the moles and chipmunks, and they can call it the Arno-reum." He snorted with laughter. "And they'll have races and I can watch through one of those scope things, like on a submarine, you know, except we have to light it somehow, and then maybe—"

"Then the animals will say, *Sleep, Max*," I interrupted. "*Sleep, Mister Max, so you can be bright and bushy-tailed when you get up.*"

He squirmed beside me. "I'm *awake*. Where's Dad?"

"With Adam, remember? Sleeping next door."

"Where's Tommy?"

"Everyone is sleeping. It's that time."

Which was, of course, the farthest thing from the truth,



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since all across the state, all across the eastern seaboard, alarms were going off, people were rising, days starting. A woman stumbled into the shower, tipped her head back, lathered her hair. Another woman stepped outside into her garden for a few moments of quiet before the kids got up. Sixteen-wheelers turned onto highways, cars pulled out of driveways. In coffee shops, waitresses measured coffee into filters and pressed START.

And so the world rose. And so we moved toward rest, Max's thoughts traveling underground, mine into the waking world. Arno and the chipmunks, he saw. Arno and the mice. Arno nose to nose with a mole, an animal capable of only the simplest kind of seeing, the distinguishing of light from dark. How nice my boy smelled; I had nearly forgotten. How particular to him were the bends and turns of his mind. This child and no other.

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RETIREMENT  
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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AFTER

THE RISE OF THE 401(K),

THE FIRST DO-IT-YOURSELF

GENERATION OF INVESTORS

IS ABOUT TO RETIRE.

WILL THE BABY BOOMERS—

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CO-WORKERS TO

FOLLOW—GO BUST?

Coconut Creek, Florida, 2001

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EVEN BEFORE THE collapse of Enron highlighted the misuse of employee retirement accounts, and before the current protracted bear market reduced the nest eggs of many workers, questions about how to provide Americans with adequate retirement income were high on the national policy agenda—and with good reason. The number of Americans over age 65 will double by 2030. With a life expectancy at age 65 of roughly 20 years, today's workers will spend more time as retirees than any generation before.

So far, concerns have centered on Social Security, the basic tier in the U.S. retirement system. Social Security today provides benefits equal to 41.3 percent of pre-retirement earnings for the average worker retiring at age 65, or 38.5 percent after the deduction for the Medicare premium. By 2030, however, the figure will likely be only 26.3 percent, as Medicare premiums rise, taxation of benefits increases, and benefit cuts are phased in, along with other measures designed to eliminate the program's structural deficit.

Receiving considerably less attention, though, has been the second tier of retirement security: employer-sponsored benefit plans, including most notably the 401(k). These programs are a crucial source of retirement income for middle-class families, and a close examination raises grave questions about how well they will provide for the future, if the current habits of Americans—whether young adult, middle-aged, or in retirement—continue. Put frankly, the nation appears headed toward a financial crisis among its elderly that will change the face of growing old.

RETIREMENT PLANS aren't what they were 20 years ago. In the 1970s, most people with coverage had a traditional, defined-benefit plan. It typically provided lifelong monthly retirement checks, based on years of service and final salary. The annuity might be a percentage of final salary for each year of service, say 1.5 percent, so workers with 20 years of service would receive 30 percent (20 years at 1.5 percent) of final salary for as long as they lived. The employer financed the benefit by making pretax contributions into a pension fund; the employee typically did not contribute. The employer held the assets in trust, directed the investments, and bore the risk.

We live now in a 401(k) world. The 401(k) plan is essentially a tax-deferred savings account, into which the employee—often joined by the employer—contributes a

specified percentage of earnings. The money is invested, usually at the direction of the employee, mostly in mutual funds of stocks and bonds. When the worker retires, the balance in the account determines the retirement benefit, almost always paid in a lump sum.

It is easy to understand the popularity of the 401(k). The account is portable, which means that today's mobile workers can take their balances with them from job to job. Many plans permit borrowing, which adds an element of liquidity. And as the 401(k) allows employees to choose investments that match their personal tolerance for risk, it fosters a sense of control. Rapidly rising account balances during the stock market boom of the 1990s greatly enhanced the 401(k)'s popularity. With the sharp market decline in 2000, enthusiasm may have waned somewhat.

Employers also like 401(k)s. When the stock market plummets, it is the worker, not the employer, who loses money. When interest rates fall, rather than the employer having to dig down to make up the annuity, the retiree simply realizes a lower income.

The 401(k) and similar defined-contribution plans are now the dominant form of private pension in the United States. Between 1981 and 2001, the percentage of people with pension coverage who relied solely on such plans rose from 19 percent to 57 percent. At the same time, the share of comparable workers who depended solely on employer-controlled, defined-benefit plans dropped from about 58 percent to 13 percent. Although the 401(k) and similar plans emerged only in 1981, they will determine the economic security of a significant portion of the baby boom generation. And by and large, they are being mishandled.

ON PAPER, the formula is promising. Simulations suggest that workers can accumulate substantial savings for retirement using a 401(k) plan. For example, a worker participating steadily from the age of 30, who starts out with a salary of \$17,000 and ends up with a salary of \$52,560 at age 62, will accumulate pension wealth equal to \$353,408—or 6.7 times final earnings—an amount that, combined with Social Security income, will provide an adequate replacement of pre-retirement earnings.

But actual accumulations in 401(k) accounts are significantly lower. The median combined balance of a 401(k) and an individual retirement account (IRA) for household heads in their late forties and early fifties is \$37,000. Even employees in their sixties have assets equal to only 2.9 times earnings, less than half the 6.7 factor needed.

Worse still, as recently as 2001, some 26 percent of workers who had the chance to sign on to a 401(k) plan failed to do so. The reasons vary. In one survey, many explained that they "couldn't spare the money." This statement suggests that low-income workers may be less likely to have a 401(k), and the evidence bears this out. Among eligible workers,

participation is around 50 percent for those earning less than \$20,000, but approaches 90 percent for those earning more than \$80,000. The voluntary nature of 401(k) plans appears to put low-income workers at greater risk of failing to accumulate enough retirement wealth.

Age also affects participation. The sooner workers start contributing, the better off they will be in retirement, yet workers age 20 through 29 are less likely to pay into a plan than older workers. Indeed, fewer than half of eligible workers age 20 to 40 with earnings below \$20,000 choose to participate in a 401(k). And even for those young workers with salaries close to average (\$20,000–\$40,000), participation rates fall below 70 percent. It is not until these workers enter their fifties that the gap in participation that separates them from higher earners becomes negligible. Unfortunately, a worker who postpones participating in a 401(k) until age 50 will have only 26 percent of the retirement wealth of a similar worker who started paying in at age 30.

THE OPTION TO participate in a 401(k) is only the first of several key crossroads where workers can and do go wrong. The next crucial decision is how much to contribute. Though this can dramatically affect a person's wealth in retirement, few participants pay in as much as the law allows. For example, as the contribution limit rose from \$10,500 in 2001 to \$13,000 in 2004, fewer than 10 percent of workers raised their payments to keep pace. Not surprisingly, employees with higher earnings are far more likely to contribute the maximum amount. About 53 percent of Americans earning more than \$100,000 choose to do so, compared with less than 1 percent of those earning between \$20,000 and \$40,000. Several studies show that employees' contributions tend to cluster at the level of their employer's matching rate. That is, if the employer matches up to 6 percent of earnings, employees are likely to contribute 6 percent to take full advantage of the match.

THE NEXT CRUCIAL decision workers face is how to invest their contribution. Modern portfolio theory provides for diversifying one's holdings over stocks, bonds, and fixed income securities, so as to balance risk and return. The portfolio should shift moderately away from stocks and toward bonds as a worker gets older, and it should be rebalanced from time to time to correct for the generally higher growth rate of stocks. Unfortunately, most 401(k) participants don't follow these strategies. Indeed, more than half have either most of their accounts invested in stock or nothing at all in-

vested in stock. As a result, the majority risk either ending up with inadequate retirement income or being exposed to large swings in the value of their retirement assets.

In particular, low-wage participants are more likely to hold no equities and to invest their entire 401(k) accounts in interest-earning assets such as guaranteed investment contracts issued by insurance companies and money market funds. That means they are more likely to see a return of about 2.4 percent (adjusted for inflation), in contrast to the historical 7.2 percent return on stocks. This difference in return has an enormous impact on accumulations 30 years down the road. Investing \$1,000 for 30 years produces \$2,098 (in today's dollars) from a no-stock portfolio, \$4,141 from a portfolio that is half stocks and half bonds, and \$8,050 from an all-stock portfolio.

Of course, the higher returns associated with stocks also bring more volatility, and one might argue that low-wage workers cannot accept that additional uncertainty. That is, lower paid workers already face a lot of earnings risk, including greater odds of becoming unemployed, and they therefore need to invest in relatively safe assets. On the other hand, some economists contend, the uncertainty in earnings for most people is unrelated to the performance of the stock market, so it makes no sense for low-income workers to shun stocks and forgo the higher returns. Further, unless low-income workers make stock investments, at least when they are young, their savings are unlikely to provide adequate replacement income when they retire.

WHAT ABOUT THE employees who do diversify? Do they allocate their 401(k) assets wisely? The evidence suggests that in general they do not.

Participants in 401(k) plans have a myriad of choices. Between 1995 and 2000, for example, Fidelity Investments, which represents 18 percent of the holdings of defined-contribution plans, more than doubled the number of its investment options. Plans for groups of at least 10,000 participants, which offered 14 options in 1995, now offer on average 38. These options include money market funds; guaranteed investment contracts; short-term, intermediate, and long-term bonds; high-yield bonds; large-cap and small-cap domestic equities; global equities; and equities from emerging markets. Granted, Fidelity's menu may be at the high end, but it nonetheless represents the trend: more choices.

So many options can overwhelm a person, and the psychology literature suggests that when individuals are overwhelmed, they often fall back on simple rules of thumb.

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Some researchers believe that 401(k) participants tend to opt for the 1/n solution. That is, they divide their contributions equally among all investment options. If their plan offers only a few choices, this strategy may result in a diversified portfolio. On the other hand, if the plan offers a disproportionate array of equity funds—as many plans do—these participants end up investing too large a share in stocks. Participants who hold mostly stock as they approach retirement run the risk that a market downturn will significantly reduce the size of their 401(k) account, as happened to many people during the bear market of 2000. They may

have to postpone retirement, or face a hard drop in their standard of living; and they may still end up with lower retirement income than they expected.

Americans' investment allocations look even worse when their employer company's stock enters the picture. As the Enron debacle illustrates, it is important to avoid concentrating both one's income and one's investment security on a single bet. Nevertheless, U.S. employees remain enthusiastic actors in the drama. Eight million workers—approximately 20 percent of all 401(k) participants—hold more than 20 percent of their 401(k) assets in company stock,



many for the simple reason that it is familiar. Among large corporations with the highest percentage of employees' assets lodged in company shares, Procter & Gamble ranks at the top, with 94.7 percent. Following closely are Coca-Cola (81.5 percent) and General Electric (77.4 percent). To put

these concentrations in perspective, Enron's employees, at their peak, held a relatively modest 60 percent of their 401(k) assets in company stock.

UNDER THE CONTROL of their individual owners, 401(k)s also have an unfortunate potential for leakage. Even workers who maximize their contributions and invest their funds wisely can substantially reduce their retirement savings when they borrow from their 401(k) and fail to repay or—a greater concern—neglect to reinvest their account after a job change.

Whenever workers change jobs they have the option of taking a lump-sum distribution of their 401(k) instead of rolling over those assets into another plan. And the incidence rate of leakage when this occurs warns of serious problems. For example, tax data show that in 1995 lump-sum distributions from 401(k)s represented 9.1 percent of all 401(k) assets. Of these distributions only 77 percent were rolled over into an IRA or another 401(k) plan.

In particular, small accumulations held by young people tend to be held out and spent. When researchers examine the role that age, income, and dollar amount play in the decision not to roll over, they find that the single most important determinant is the size of the account. Less than 30 percent of participants who receive a distribution of \$10,000 or less roll over their funds. (Laid-off workers are another group likely to cash in their distributions.)

Using the same simulation of a worker's path to retirement described on page 46 illustrates the potential harm. If our typical participant, scheduled to retire with \$353,408, changes jobs at age 35 and uses his 401(k) distribution to buy a new car and go on vacation, his retirement wealth at age 62 will be reduced by 22 percent.

BUT LET'S SAY our typical worker does everything right. Throughout his career he's made the wise decisions that yield the full expected value of his 401(k), and the time has come for him to take his lump sum and retire. Now what? In truth, that is the toughest question he will face. Yet it is also where the research thins. Because 401(k)s are a relatively recent phenomenon and most participants are still in the workforce, few studies have been done on the withdrawal phase. Yet as more plans mature and millions of baby boomers begin to retire, how 401(k) money is directed in retirement will become an increasingly important issue.

One thing seems certain: Without the regular annuities provided by past employer-managed pension plans, and

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with Social Security's income replacement rates scheduled to shrink, members of the baby-boom generation are going to have a difficult time in retirement. They run two risks: of consuming their nest egg too quickly, thereby using it up, or of consuming it too slowly, thereby restricting unduly their standard of living.

Both these risks could be eliminated through the purchase of an annuity, but the annuity market in the United States remains tiny. One reason is that the average American views annuities as being expensive—as being a gamble with the insurance company that the company is favored to win. Viewed another way, however, the only true cost to the buyer is that the annuity payments stop at death; if retirees place no value on wealth after death, the cost of the annuity is zero.

But another reason that Americans are reluctant to annuitize is, in fact, their desire to leave a bequest. Asked by researchers “Do you (and your spouse) think it is important to leave an inheritance to surviving heirs?” 67 to 78 percent respond that it is at least somewhat important. Many Americans are also reluctant to annuitize out of concern that they may yet incur large unanticipated expenses, especially related to their health. And others fear a gradual dwindling of an annuity's value, since virtually all annuities in the United States share a common inadequacy—they are fixed in nominal terms and therefore do not protect against inflation.

Several approaches might encourage greater annuitization of retirement wealth. First, make annuities—indexed for inflation, of course—the default payout mechanism under all defined-contribution plans. For married couples, the default annuity should be what's called a joint-and-survivor plan. The lesson learned in the early years of traditional pensions is that employees will otherwise fail to provide for their spouses; as husbands generally selected the single-life annuity for its higher monthly benefits, wives, who typically outlive their husbands, lost all pension income when their husbands died.

Second, the insurance industry should design annuity products that better respond to people's concerns. If the major worry is future medical expenses, especially the cost of long-term care, combine a fairly priced annuity with extra benefits payable at the onset of disability. Similarly, if people do not want to lose the “bet” and leave their money to the insurance company, design an annuity pool so that they explicitly leave their money to people with whom they choose to share—fellow musicians, or teachers, or maybe just an extended family if large enough. If the purchaser dies early, he is assured that people he cares about directly or indirectly will have a continued stream of income thanks to his participation. (Of course, even in a regular annuity the money from those who die never goes entirely “back to the insurance agency,” but is used to pay benefits for those who live a long time.)

And too, give government a role to play in specifying standards and serving as a clearinghouse directing con-

sumers to the companies that meet them. The goal would be a public-private partnership.

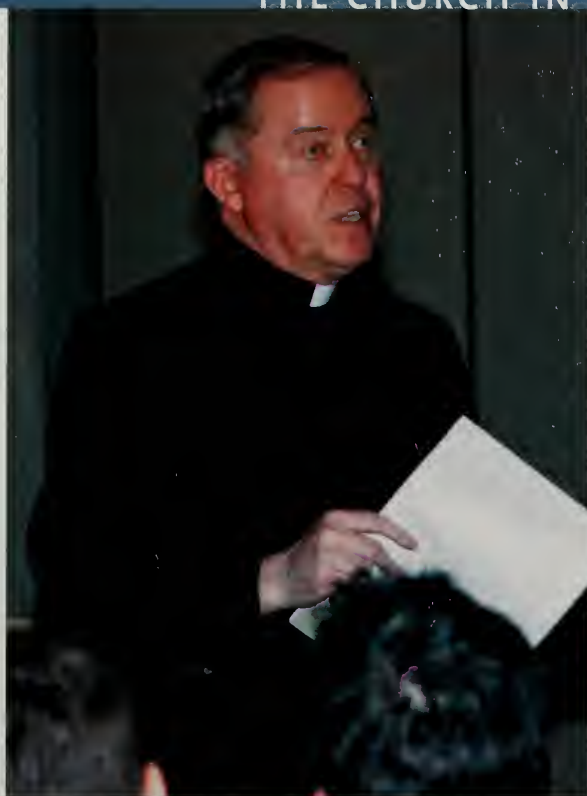
AS WE HAVE SEEN, 401(k) plans have come up short. Although workers in theory can accumulate substantial wealth under the plans, in practice they do not. The problem is that the entire burden is on employees, and many make mistakes at every step along the way. If we don't find a way to solve this problem, we can expect more retirees to depend on the social safety net, and that means more stress on such government programs as Supplemental Security Income (SSI), which supports impoverished older people, and Medicaid, which pays long-term care costs for those who cannot afford them. Changes are clearly needed to make 401(k) plans a more certain vehicle for retirement income. One obvious solution would be to take advantage of participants' inertia.

Studies have shown that procrastination and inertia are important explanations for lack of participation in 401(k) plans; for the fact that those who do participate rarely change their contributions; and for the fact that few rebalance their portfolios to reflect either age or asset performance. Pension plans are complicated, and to many participants, the decisions appear overwhelming. Often it seems easiest just to do nothing.

Public policy could leverage this inertia by setting the defaults in 401(k)s to the desirable outcomes. That is, all eligible participants would be automatically enrolled; their contribution would be set at the level of the employer match; their portfolio, say, at age 30, would be 70 percent stocks and 30 percent bonds and automatically rebalanced as they aged; investment in company stock would be restricted. In addition, lump-sum distributions resulting from a job switch would automatically roll over to a new retirement account; and all plans would convert upon retirement to inflation-indexed, joint-and-survivor annuities.

Of course, individual employees could opt out at any stage. But research indicates that people tend to stay where they are put, and these defaults would put them in a much better place, and the country along with them.

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"What nourishes your faith?"—Leahy (left), Karen Begelfer '95, and Jeff Capadona

# Distance learning

DIALOGUE IN ATLANTA

BY PAIGE PARVIN

On the evening after a long-anticipated report on clerical abuse was released by a panel of prominent Catholics at the behest of the U.S. bishops, more than 70 Boston College alumni gathered at Atlanta's Buckhead Sheraton to hear University President William P. Leahy, SJ, speak about the state of Catholicism. The reception and talk were part of a series of some 16 events planned around the country for BC's Church in the 21st Century initiative, created in 2002 in response to the sexual abuse crisis in the Church.

The late February Saturday was balmy and spring-like in Atlanta, a far cry from the Boston chill, which may have partly accounted for the general good cheer in the Heritage Ballroom as alumni and BC visitors greeted one another. It was a young, lively crowd, mostly stylishly dressed graduates from the past decade or so who clearly came hungry for so-

cial connection with other BC alumni. The mood was relaxed and affable as guests procured drinks and hors d'oeuvres, introduced spouses, and exchanged news. Under the leadership of Karen Begelfer '95, the fledgling Atlanta alumni chapter has sprouted wings in recent months with social events and rising membership. "A growing population of young BC alumni is moving here," noted Angela Dawn Myers '99, "and I think people come to these events to find community."

But reunion wasn't the only aim for Atlanta alumni. With the somber statistics from the Church's National Review Board for the Protection of Children and Young People hovering in the background—more than 10,000 abuse claims in the last half-century, according to one survey [see related story, page 55]—guests were eager to learn what Fr. Leahy



had to say. A number of them had not heard the president speak before.

"I'm very interested in BC's efforts to address the crisis in the Church," said Karen Stiles '75, who wore a black miniskirt and high boots and attends Atlanta's Cathedral of Christ the King, one of the city's largest parishes. "Being in Atlanta, this is a great opportunity to be here with Fr. Leahy. I have grave concerns about the state of the Church and I think it's very important to have the voice of Boston College taking this on."

Although many alumni claimed their Catholic faith remained largely unshaken by the sex abuse crisis, several said they had drifted away from the Church in recent months. Jennifer Morcone '95, a tall young woman in a red sweater, said she had become disillusioned with Catholicism since graduation and was hoping to draw inspiration from Leahy's words. "I am here to be convinced," announced Morcone, who has tried attending the Cathedral of Christ the King but has had trouble relating to the leadership there: "It's just so patriarchal. I mean, I'm not looking for drastic change."

Almost as if he had read her mind, when Fr. Leahy began

tone of the discussion was one of openness and concern, with even occasional lightness; the audience seemed to tip slightly toward the progressive end of the Catholic spectrum.

The role of women in the Church was a topic of particularly high interest, with an equal number of men and women advocating the elevation of female influence. A young mother with long blonde hair, dressed in black, spoke early in the discussion, saying, "I do want to keep my faith. I have two young daughters and I want to raise them in my faith." But, she said, she is very concerned about bringing up girls in a spiritual community where the role of women is so limited.

"I grew up a very strong Catholic; my uncle was a priest," said Morcone. "But what do you see in the future as far as the role of women? Will there be a place for priests to marry in the future, and more of a community of men *and* women running our Church?"

"I think in my lifetime, married men will be ordained, given the shrinking number of celibate male priests and the need for the sacraments," answered Leahy. "As to women being ordained—I don't see that happening in my lifetime. We will always have priests and a hierarchy." Yet through-

## "I FIND THAT IF CO-WORKERS OR FRIENDS NOT FAMILIAR WITH CATHOLICISM LEARN I'M CATHOLIC, THEY'LL ASK, 'HAVE YOU BEEN SAVED?'"

his talk just a few minutes later, one of his first questions was, "What nourishes your faith?" He went on to quickly outline three of the broad issues the Church in the 21st Century initiative is trying to address: the relationship of lay men and women with priests and bishops, and how their interaction can be enhanced; the complex question of sexuality in the Church and how it should be lived out today; and how best to hand on faith to new generations of Catholics.

"For new students who come to Boston College, we find the intellectual underpinnings of their faith are not nearly as strong as the generations before them," Leahy said, as heads began to nod agreement in the audience. "I hear this so often from parents and grandparents who worry—how will [these young people] live out their faith?"

After working to respond to the pain and anger among Catholics in the immediate wake of the sex abuse crisis, this year the Church in the 21st Century has focused on renewal and revitalization. "We can't do everything, but we are trying to reach out and to respond as best we can as a Jesuit Catholic university," Leahy said. "A university should be a place for dialogue and discussion."

Leahy then started off such a dialogue with the audience, responding to their questions, observations, and personal comments for the better part of an hour. In the main, the

out the evening he stressed the importance of calling on all members of the laity—men and women—in order to strengthen the fabric of the Church.

A man sitting near the back who had brought his adolescent son to the event said, "Celibacy is a big issue, because the Church is sending a message to all the women in the world that they don't want to make them useful in the Church. The message is that they are second-class citizens, and we are missing a tremendous opportunity here. The laypeople don't believe it's as complicated as the hierarchy does."

A middle-aged man in glasses asked about the Jesuit position on women's ordination; his wife, he explained wryly, is not Catholic and he has difficulty defending this aspect of his faith.

No scripture says that women can't be ordained, Fr. Leahy responded, but the mandate is Church tradition, and "tradition is to the Church what memory is to the individual. A person without memory is without identity."

Building a Church community in keeping with modern-day America is a challenge several guests pointed to, particularly in the Bible Belt, where Catholics lack the strong ethnic roots and history that anchor the Church in areas like Boston. A man in a grey suit observed, "Being in Atlanta, it's different here. As Catholics, we are the minority and we're sort of

suspect. And the scandal has made us more of a minority.”

A woman in a black cardigan drew knowing laughter when she agreed: “I find that if co-workers or friends not familiar with Catholicism learn I’m Catholic, they’ll ask, ‘Have you been saved?’”

At the same time, though, others said they find the newer, greener climate in Atlanta refreshing for Catholics. “The churches in Atlanta are great,” said a young woman with long brown hair. “It’s a smaller community and so it’s much more cohesive. Here it’s more about connecting, reaching out and inviting people in.”

“We go to the Church of the Holy Cross, we have three kids and we go every Sunday,” said a middle-aged man sitting in the back. “There’s such a sense of community. The priests here are younger, they have a greater sense of what we are facing in our family lives. Growing up in Philadelphia, all the priests were 70 years old. They had no relevance to my life.” Others nodded in agreement around the room.

Addressing the problem of creating a relevant, engaging faith community, Leahy said, “There is a fear in Rome that churches in the U.S. will become American Catholic churches rather than Roman Catholic, that they will split off . . . but again and again I hear alumni say, we feel a distance from the Church leadership.” In the aftermath of the sexual abuse scandal, trust in the Catholic leadership must be re-earned, he said. “We need to tap into the skills of our lay men and women in a way we haven’t before. There will always be a hierarchy, but we have to do a whole lot more. We have to have more sessions like this.”

“I think our priests can take a lesson from our corporations and shine a little sunshine, get the bishops out there,” said a woman wearing a colorful scarf. “The priests are not connecting with their parishioners.”

“One thing that nourishes my faith is what you’re doing today,” another woman told Fr. Leahy. “There was so much sweeping this under the rug, not talking about it—this was the piece that was missing for me until today.”

The woman in the black cardigan spoke about another aspect of the Catholic faith that many couples have trouble reconciling with the reality of their lives. “I just wanted to bring up the issue of divorce and its acceptance by the Church,” she said. “I have always been a faithful Catholic. At age 47, I found a guy to marry. He is divorced, and I have two young stepchildren we are now trying to raise. . . . He’s not Catholic, but he is open to becoming Catholic. There are tons of people trying to get annulments.”

“Divorce has always been a hard topic in the Church,” Fr. Leahy agreed. “I admire you for having such a strong commitment to your faith. Divorce is another issue the Church is going to have to address, because it touches the lives of so many people.”

At one point, Leahy gently steered the topic to the

Church’s future generations. In 2002, he said, he asked a group of intended priests at BC whether the sex abuse crisis had turned them away from their calling. “No,” they said, “this is a chance to do something great for God.”

“If you had a son or nephew who said he wanted to be a priest,” Fr. Leahy asked the audience, “what would you say to him?” In one of the few almost-angry moments of the night, someone immediately called out what she would say: “Why?”

The man whose son was sitting next to him answered, “I would ask my son, what is your objective in wanting to become a priest?” He went on to speak of what he called the three “C’s”—credibility, communication, and celibacy—and expressed his concern over the Church’s recent handling of each.

In terms of credibility, “the Church keeps asking us to believe, to keep our faith,” he said. “Over the course of the last two years, the Church has communicated to some extent, but they have [characterized the crisis] as a media problem. What we haven’t heard is what the Church is going to do about it. And is the plan just being hatched by the U.S. or does it have support from the parent company in Rome?”

A young woman in a red shirt raised her hand to say she was brought up Catholic and her husband became Catholic two years ago. The couple attends church regularly. “But during the homily,” she said, “people talk, and laugh, and scoff. How do we deal with criticism from within?”

Fr. Leahy replied, “A lot of people have read *The Da Vinci Code*, but I find a lot of Catholics don’t nourish their faith through reading and study. We need to do a massive amount of public education in the Catholic Church.”

After the talk, Jennifer Morcone remained unconvinced the Catholic Church could keep pace with her spiritual needs as a young, single woman. “As much as the Church has been open to change,” she said, “there is such a resistance to embracing the content of that change. The American ideal is innovation, moving forward, and I just don’t see the Church as open to that enough to keep the American audience engaged.”

For the most part, though, alumni response after the dialogue was positive: Leahy’s appearance was pronounced “enlightening,” “fantastic,” and “very brave.”

Paul Dunbar ’51, one of the few silver heads in the room, said, “It was not what I anticipated, and I am pleasantly surprised. I thought it would be just a lecture. I thought Fr. Leahy was a world-class pro. People got him right into the meat of the problem of the Church.”

“It’s great that BC is taking these steps,” agreed Meghan Schubert ’01. “It reaffirms my faith in the school, but also in the Church. It made me proud to be a Boston College alumna.”

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# Mid-term

## THE STATE OF PAROCHIAL EDUCATION

BY GAIL FRIEDMAN

In September 2003, half of the nation's dioceses opened at least one school without a principal. Of the principals that were in place, the majority had lay backgrounds, with limited training in Catholic leadership. In fact, 95 percent of teachers in Catholic schools today come from the ranks of the laity—compared with 1960, when 90 percent belonged to religious orders.

At a symposium called "The Future of Catholic Schools: Survival and Models of Transformation," these and other sobering statistics were shared by an official from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Glenn Anne McPhee, OP, the bishops' secretary for education; and by Dale McDonald, PBVM, director of public policy and educational research for the National Catholic Educational Association, an advocacy group of Catholic educators. Taking place in Gasson 100 on March 18, the symposium happened to convene days after local headlines announced possible parish consolidations and school closings in the Boston archdiocese. Also on the panel was William Davis, OSFS, whose brief as the USCCB's deputy secretary for schools includes governmental relations and public policy. The event was sponsored by the Church in the 21st Century initiative and the Lynch School of Education.

In 1960, roughly the heyday of Catholic education in America, there were 10,501 elementary and 2,392 secondary schools educating more than 5 million children in the Catholic faith, according to McDonald. Today those numbers have fallen to 6,727 elementary and 1,228 secondary schools, serving 2.5 million—half the number of students. But not all schools are suffering: More than a third, primarily suburban schools, have waiting lists, and since 1985 more than 450 new Catholic schools have formed. Many of these were in response to population migrations; others were established specifically to serve children at risk. "Some older buildings still are serviceable and usable, but we don't have the Catholic population there. Where we do have the Catholic population, we don't have the schools," McDonald said later, in a phone interview. "We have to figure out how to match supply and demand."

Keeping Catholic schools affordable will be one key to

their survival, said McDonald. Catholic elementary tuition today averages \$2,178, compared with an average per pupil cost of \$3,505, while secondary schools take in an average of \$4,289 per student, well below the \$5,571 cost of educating each child. But even a modest tuition hike can drive some families away. "An extra \$300 for two kids can put them over the edge," McDonald observed.

Meanwhile, tight budgets explain the under-market salaries that make attracting and keeping talented teachers and administrators difficult, said the USCCB's McPhee. Beyond the obvious advantages of stable staffing, she said, "this is a social justice issue. . . . What are we going to do to secure appropriate salaries and benefits?"

Respondent James Miller '90, a trustee of the Catholic Schools Foundation, a Boston philanthropy that provides grants and scholarships, likened underpaid Catholic school faculty to "domestic missionaries," but he too warned against the impulse to raise tuition. "The only way forward is to find a new way of consolidating our budgets," he said. After the symposium, in a phone interview, he described a Washington, D.C., model in which parish schools operate separately but are administered by a central office. He also pointed to cities that have adopted "twinning," pairing financially stable schools with poor inner-city partners.

From a Washington lobbyist's perspective, Fr. Davis pointed up the need for Catholic schools to go after the federal dollars to which they are entitled. He offered a pamphlet produced by the USCCB detailing how private schools can benefit from the No Child Left Behind legislation signed into law by President George W. Bush in January 2002. "Every school should have the material to know how to get federal money," Davis said. But the process, he warned, can be time-consuming. "It's arduous to count poor and special education children, but you need to," he said. "If you don't identify any children, there's no money; it all goes to the public school system."

Boston College assistant professor of education Janice Jackson was the symposium's other respondent. She pointed out that, despite the statistics and solutions put forward, little had been said about what makes Catholic education ap-

pealing. As a former deputy superintendent of Boston's public schools who had held teaching and administrative positions in Milwaukee's Catholic schools, she described how the Catholic school environment had let her "live my values every day" and had continued to exert an influence after she left for the public sector.

Jackson lamented that some Catholic schools have uncertified teachers and ambiguous curricula. "When people send their kids to Catholic schools, particularly in poor areas," she said later, "there's often not a clear curriculum in place. It isn't enough to have an orderly environment. The first job is making sure students have solid academic achievement."

Renewed focus on academic quality may be crucial to revitalizing enrollment. "From the numbers Dale McDonald put on the board, clearly this is in decline," said Miller. "You have to start going back to principles about why this is important, what we're trying to accomplish. Clearly the institutions should be profoundly Catholic, but if you take Catholicism seriously, that means a commitment to excellence."

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# Aftershock

**AS THE COUNTS ARE RELEASED, THE SCANDAL'S IMPACT**

**BY RICHARD HIGGINS**

When 12 lay Catholics—including two state justices, a former governor, a former White House Chief of Staff, academics, lawyers, and business executives—delivered their audit earlier this year, as charged by the U.S. Catholic bishops, on the extent of clergy sexual abuse of children in America, the term they used to define their topic was "epidemic." Reporting as the National Review Board for the Protection of Children and Young People, they stated that at least 4,392 priests, or 4 percent of the U.S. total, had reportedly abused more than 10,667 minors between 1950 and 2002, the year that scandals in Massachusetts, New York, California, and elsewhere, and the Church's efforts to suppress them, broke into the news. The scope of the board's research was extensive—with data collected for the project by social scientists at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice from 97 percent of U.S. parishes, and with in-depth interviews of prominent lay Catholics and religious leaders, psychologists, victims, and priests conducted by the board itself. Even so, the board and its researchers have suggested, the report's figures are likely low, because they rely on self-reporting from the parishes and because sexual abuse in general tends to be under-reported.

"Now That We Know, What Do We Do?" was the dis-

cussion sponsored on March 15 by the Church in the 21st Century initiative, in response to the board's 158-page report. The panel, which met in Gasson Hall, consisted of a theologian, Kenneth Himes, OFM, chairman of the department at BC; a local pastor, Fr. Paul E. Ritt of St. John the Evangelist Parish in North Chelmsford; an active laywoman, Patricia De Leeuw, vice-chair of the Sacred Heart parish council in Lexington and associate academic vice president at BC; and an academic specialist in child abuse studies, Alberto Godenzi, dean of the Graduate School of Social Work.

The discussion drew about 40 people. One striking feature was the emotion it stirred more than two years after the scandal broke. For priests, said Fr. Ritt, this has been "a season of loss and shame." Ritt described the "multiple losses that we [priests] have had to contend with: the loss of respect and trust of us . . . the loss in the numbers of us." He spoke too of the "insularity" of bishops and of a kind of isolation among priests, who, he said, "need to walk with people who can give us feedback." Calling for reflection on the nature of authority in the Church and for "a model of service, truth, unity, and general collaboration" among bishops, priests, and laypeople, he said many priests feel a new hope now that the truth has been aired.



By contrast, speaking “as someone who sits in the pews,” De Leeuw described lay reaction to the report as minimal—in part, she said, because around Boston at least, the scope of the scandal was already well publicized. Dividing Catholics loosely into three groups, she said that those who approach the faith in a private way, focusing on the sacraments, appear to have been little affected by the Church’s “institutional problems.” Similarly, active parishioners who embrace faith “within a community of believers” are “horrificed, but still coming” to church, she said, though for some activists, meetings of the reform group Voice of the Faithful “have become church.” De Leeuw identified Catholics on the margins of parish life as being the most turned off by the scandals and most likely to leave the Church as a result. And for them, she said, the board’s report holds little immediate hope. Despite calling on the Church hierarchy to show greater responsiveness to the laity, De Leeuw said, the board pointed bishops only to “existing mechanisms”—that is, to the diocesan pastoral and financial councils that bishops already play a large role in appointing.

Dean Godenzi weighed the data contained in the board’s

freedom to take substantive action. And many laypeople, frustrated at the lack of productive avenues for their concern, turn to “passive-aggressive” responses, such as snubbing the collection basket or avoiding church altogether.

The board’s report, said Himes, is “a striking example of the institutional Church acknowledging and confessing its own sin”; but, he added, “as every Catholic knows, confession is not enough. There must also be a firm purpose of amendment. I am not certain yet that that firm purpose exists.”

In a dialogue after the four panelists spoke, audience members denounced the American bishops in strong terms, calling them “incompetent as managers,” and a “burden.” James Keenan, SJ, a theology professor at BC and at the Weston School of Theology, faulted the report for implying that the authority to correct the Church’s problem rests with the bishops. “How much are we as Catholics fixed [on the notion] that authority solves the question and that authority has to be hierarchical? I know of no other forum,” he said, “where if a man attacks a child you go to his boss,” instead of to the man. Priests are infantilized in the Catholic tradition, he said, and the board’s report ignores this.

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report against the vast body of research outside the Church on sexual abusers. First, he said, a 4 percent rate of abuse was “not a big number,” given the existence among parish priests of four basic preconditions: suppressed sexuality; the unlikelihood of punishment; access to potential victims; and the traditional cloak of trust available to the clergy. So, now what? Better screening of seminarians won’t help, Godenzi suggested, because offenders “have developed very smart ways to deceive.” And therapy, which is usually provided to an abuser *after* a crime, has only “mixed results.” What has worked in other settings, including schools, said Godenzi, has been establishing a “code of conduct” that alters the environment for abusers. As an example, he cited the archdiocese of Dallas, where the rule now is that at least two adults must be present at events involving minors.

The panel’s theologian, Fr. Himes, described the crisis as an issue not of theology but of “organizational management and educational theory—not what power does the hierarchy have, but how ought they use their power.” Himes said he is alternately hopeful and pessimistic about the prospect of real change. His reasons for doubt include the “significant pockets” of the Church, particularly within the Church in Rome, that still minimize the scandal or blame it on the press. The American bishops, he said, do not feel that they have the

To which Fr. Ritt replied, “I think we have a long way to go for laypeople to . . . realize and claim their own authority by virtue of their baptism, charism, and expertise. And certainly clergy must participate in that empowerment. . . . My parishioners regard me as the one in charge of everything.”

The board’s report may not explicitly empower the laity, said Fr. Himes, but “it does put to rest the idealization of the episcopacy—and that can be empowering.” For 2,000 years, he said, the Catholic Church has been an “ongoing experience of the power of the gospel and the ineptitude of the community that gathers in the name of that gospel.”

Referring to a statement by Bishop Wilton Gregory, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, that the abuse is “history,” Himes said that, in fact, we cannot simply put it behind us. “We are going to have to live *with* this evil,” said Himes, “but we must also live in a community called together in Christ’s name *despite* the evil.”

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# Music man

Punk rocker David Smalley '85



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DBL live: Smalley (center), rhythm guitar, vocals; Sam Williams III (left), lead guitar; Keith Davies, bass

In September 1981, as a freshman at BC, David Smalley hung a sign on the bulletin board at the original Newbury Comics in Back Bay Boston: “Experienced singer wants to form band.” The result was the band DYS, part of the early punk scene known as the Boston Crew. During the day, Smalley recalls, he was a more or less typical BC student, albeit, he says, the only punk on campus. At night, he’d head down to Kenmore Square, the center of the punk scene. “It was incredible. We’d get in fights with jocks, run from cops, spray-paint walls in alleys with the names of bands. Then I’d come home and do homework.” (Smalley was a communication major.) DYS was straightedge, a subset of punk whose members swear off alcohol, cigarettes, and drugs. Smalley’s lyrics tended toward the politically aware and the self-affirmative, qualities that suffuse his songwriting to this day.

When DYS broke up in 1985 after two recordings, Smalley went on to sing and play guitar for the bands Dag Nasty (*Can I Say*, 1986) and ALL (*Allroy Sez*, 1987, and *Allroy for Prez*, 1988). By 1990, “punk rock legend” was being attached to his name in the underground press. A little more than 10 years ago, he founded the band Down By Law, which *Rolling Stone* has called “one of the hardest working, most influen-

tial and creative forces in punk rock.” Smalley once likened the band to a Triple-A ball club, “on the road half the year, but making a living.” DBL T-shirts sell on eBay to buyers who pay in euros, pesos, and yen.

Somehow, amid the bands and the touring, Smalley found time to earn a master’s degree in political science from Cal State, Los Angeles. In the mid-1990s, he and his wife, Caroline, moved to the Washington, D.C., area, where for a few years he covered Air Force matters for a defense publication while continuing to tour and play with DBL. The band released its 11th recording, *Windwardtidesandwaywardsails*, last year, but Smalley has cut back on travel. Most days he is at his desk at the Fredericksburg, Virginia, *Free Lance-Star*, where he is editor of the youth section, “the perfect job for me,” he says.

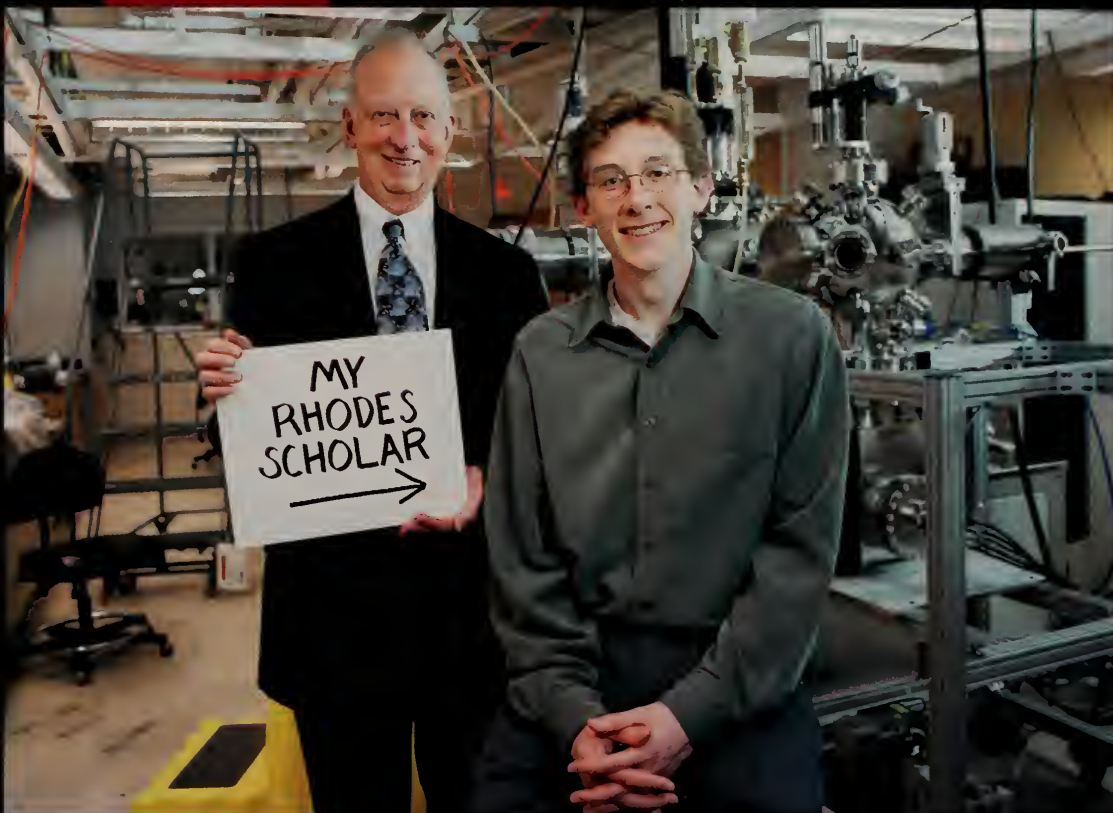
He and Caroline have four children. Madeline is eight; Abigail, seven; Colter, three; and little Griffin Strummer—named for the late Joe Strummer of the Clash—is one. Smalley laughs, “Just your typical Irish Catholic family.”

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